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DEATH OF



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FOLLOWING THE TERRIGEN MISTS ACROSS THE GLOBE, CRYSTAL AND HER TEAM OF INHUMANS STOPPED A HYDRA STRIKE TEAM FROM STEALING COCOONED INHUMANS FROM A T-CLOUD TOUCHDOWN IN JAPAN. A NEWLY MANIFESTED INHUMAN NAMED DAISUKE USED HIS POWERS TO ASSIST CRYSTAL'S TEAM AND WAS WELCOMED INTO HIS NEW COMMUNITY.

MEANWHILE, RESPONDING TO A DISTRESS CALL FROM MUIR ISLAND, CYCLOPS AND HIS TEAM OF X-MEN WERE HORRIFIED TO FIND THE MUTANT SCIENTISTS WORKING THERE HAD BEEN KILLED BY A MYSTERIOUS DISEASE. AFTER ANALYZING THE ATMOSPHERE, THE X-MEN LEARNED THAT TERRIGEN MIST WAS DEADLY TO MUTANTKIND.

WITH THE REVELATION OF TERRIGEN'S FATAL EFFECT ON MUTANTS, CYCLOPS VOWED TO DO WHATEVER HE MUST TO PROTECT HIS PEOPLE...

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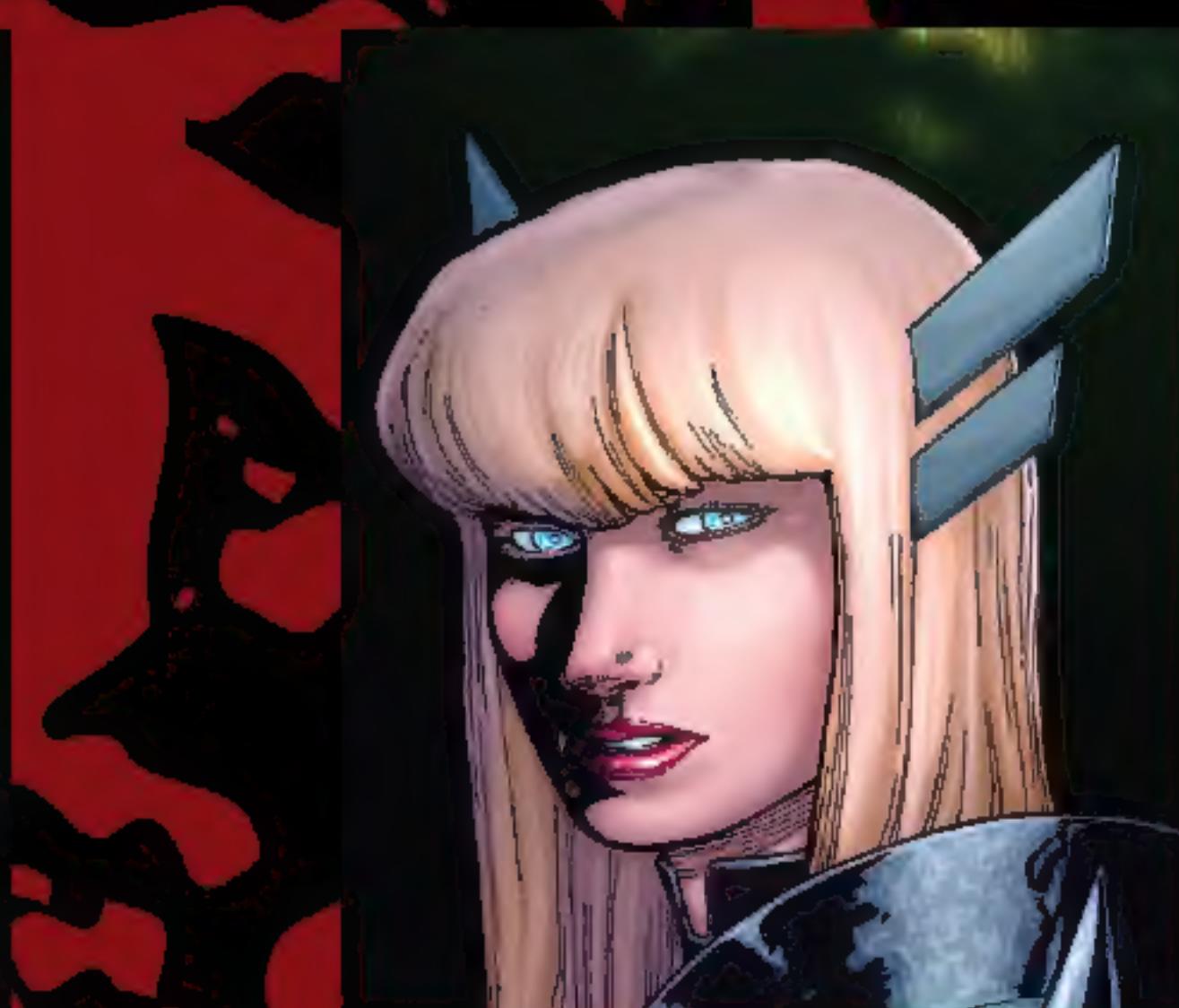
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CYCLOPS



EMMA FROST



MAGIK



ICEMAN



STORM



STEPFORD CUCKOOS

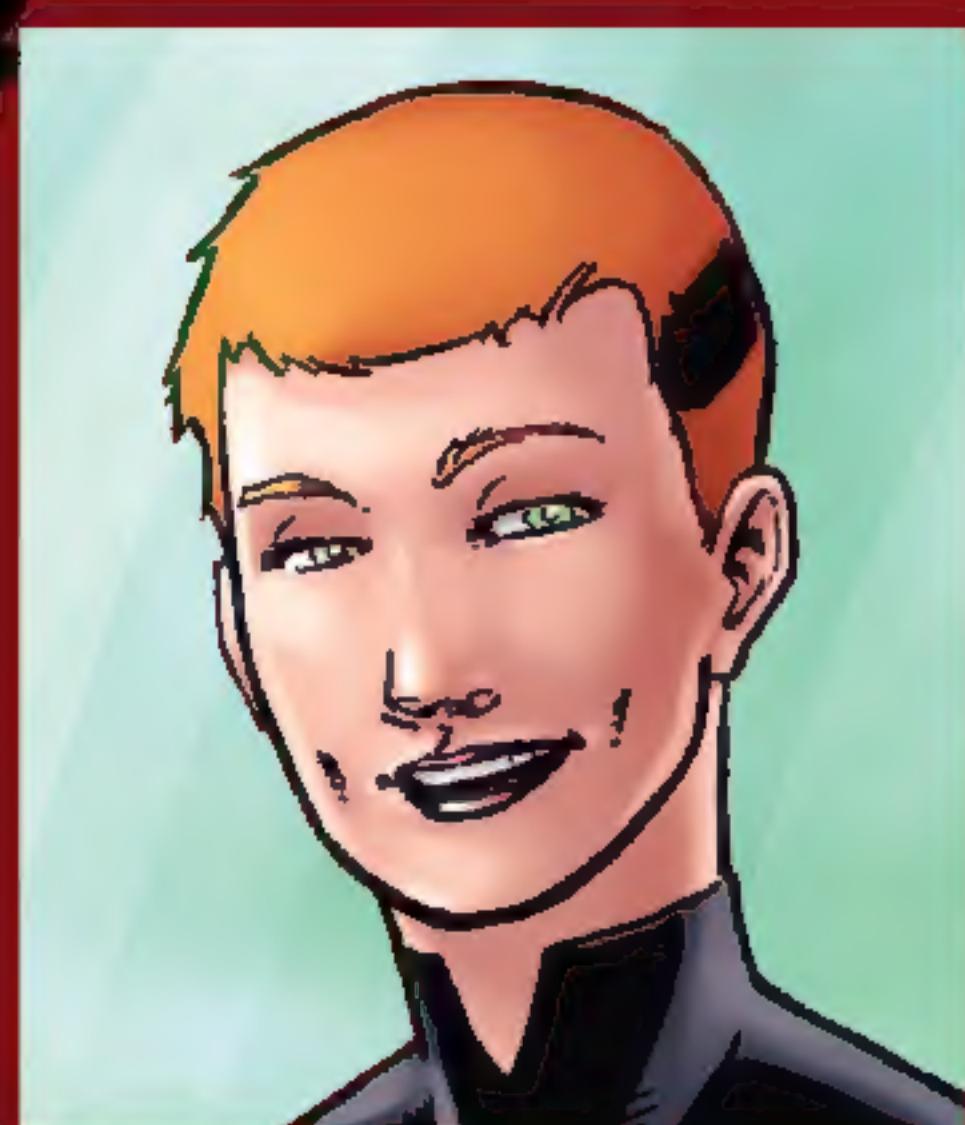


COLOSSUS



FORGE

INHUMANS



CRYSTAL



GORGON



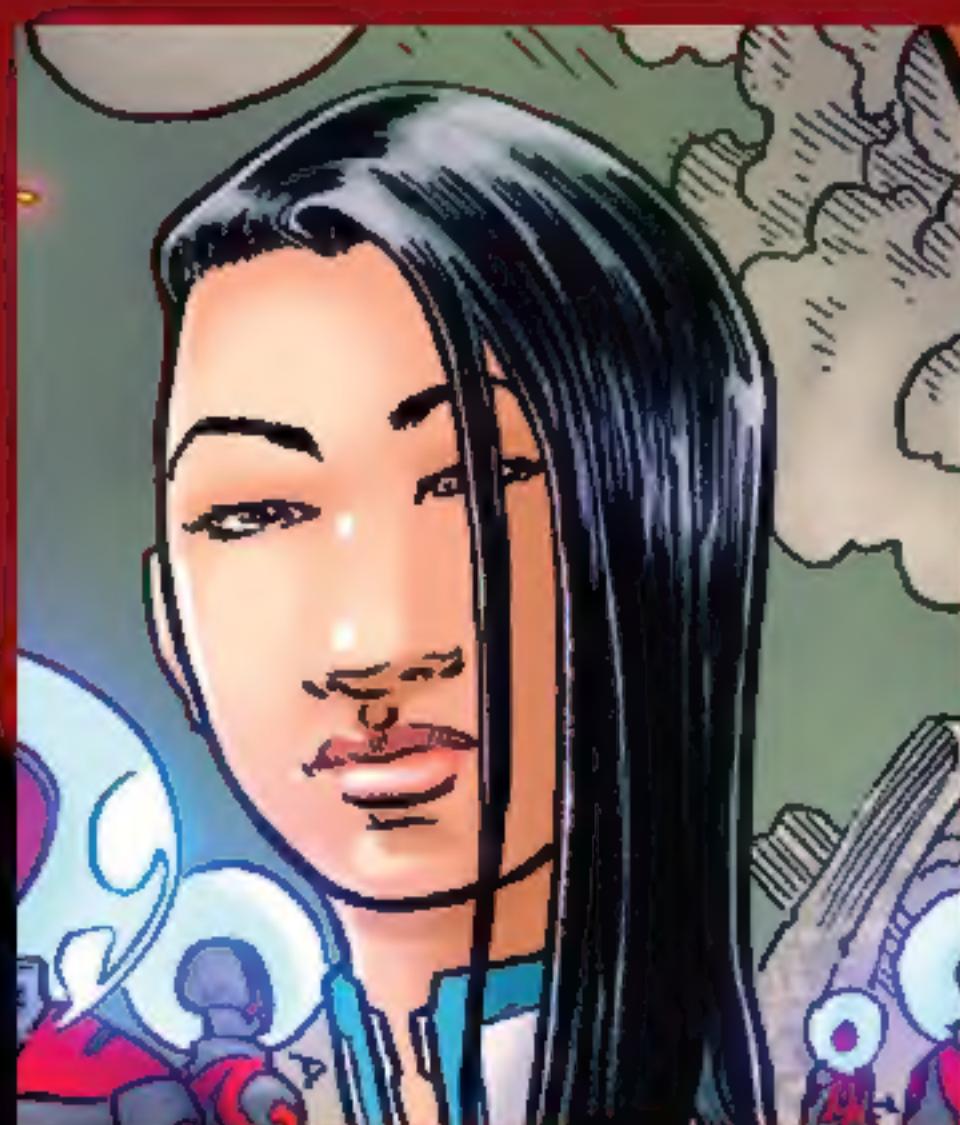
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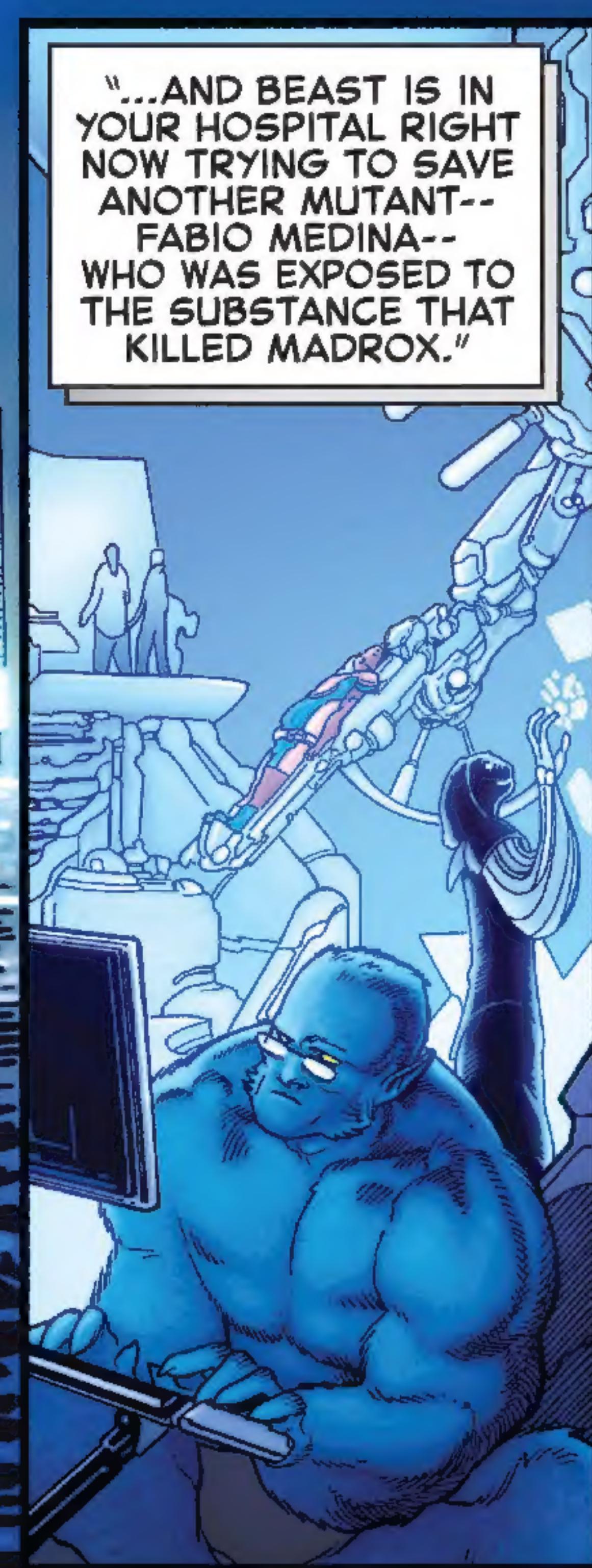
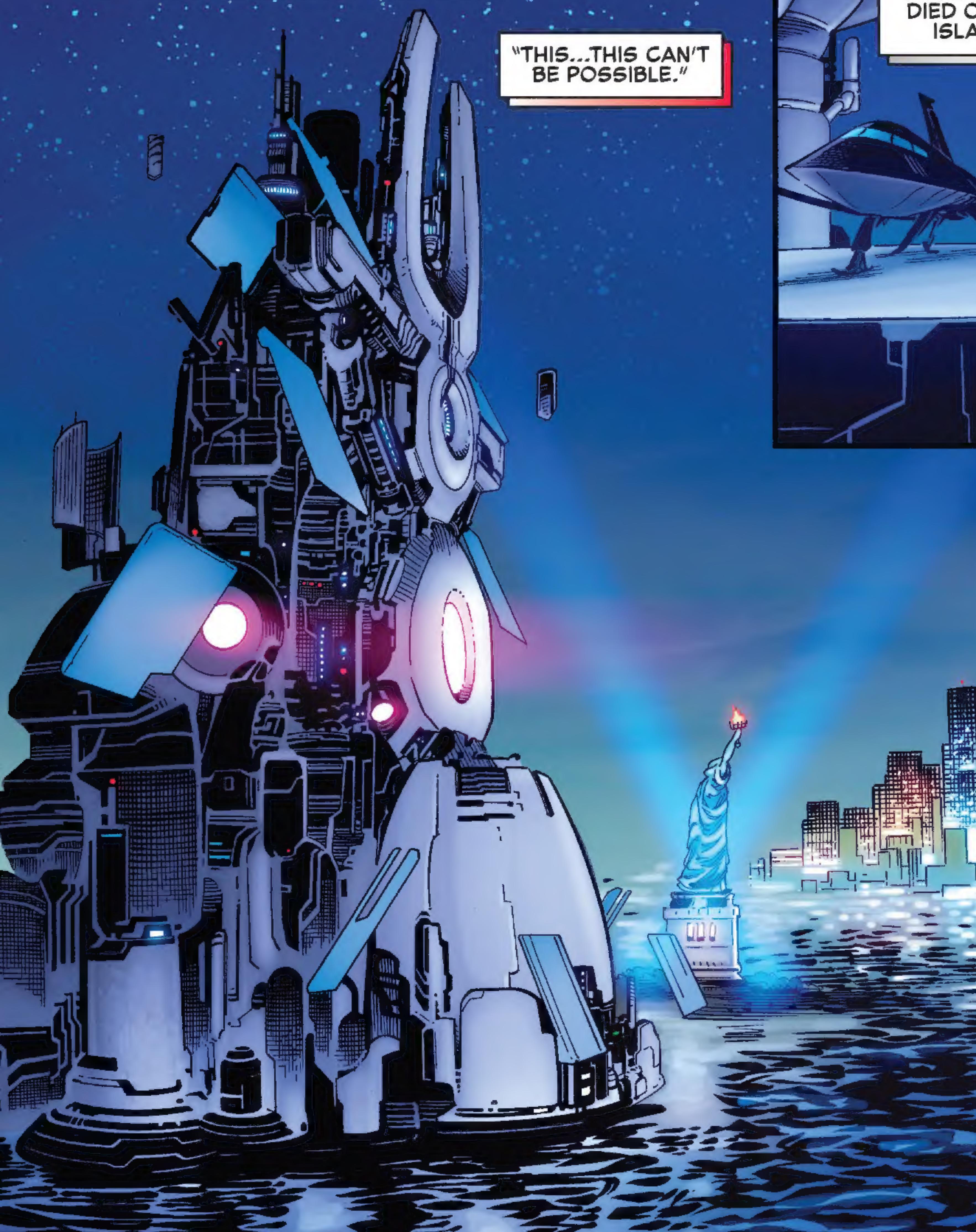


DAISUKE



ISO

**NEW ATTILAN.
CAPITAL CITY OF
THE INHUMAN NATION.**



TERRIGEN KILLS
MUTANTS.



BUT MUTANTS
HAVE BEEN EXPOSED
TO TERRIGEN MANY
TIMES, STORM--THERE
HAVE BEEN NO
ILL EFFECTS.

BEAST SUSPECTS
THAT THE MOLECULAR
COMPOSITION OF THE
MISTS MAY HAVE CHANGED
SOMEHOW AFTER IT
MIXED WITH THE
ATMOSPHERE.

HOWEVER IT
HAPPENED...IT
HAPPENED.

WE WILL DO
EVERYTHING WE
POSSIBLY CAN TO
HELP. MCCOY WILL
HAVE EVERY
RESOURCE HE
NEEDS.

THANK YOU,
BUT THE PROBLEM
EXTENDS BEYOND
NEW ATILLAN. MUTANTS
ALL OVER THE WORLD
ARE UNAWARE OF THE
DANGER POSED
BY THE TERRIGEN
CLOUDS.

AUTO-COMM--CONTACT THE
RIV. PLEASE. EMERGENCY
CHANNEL.

REQUEST
ACKNOWLEDGED.
INITIATING
CONNECTION.



SOME OF US
DIE IMMEDIATELY,
WHILE OTHERS
JUST GET VERY
SICK, OR ARE
UNAFFECTED.

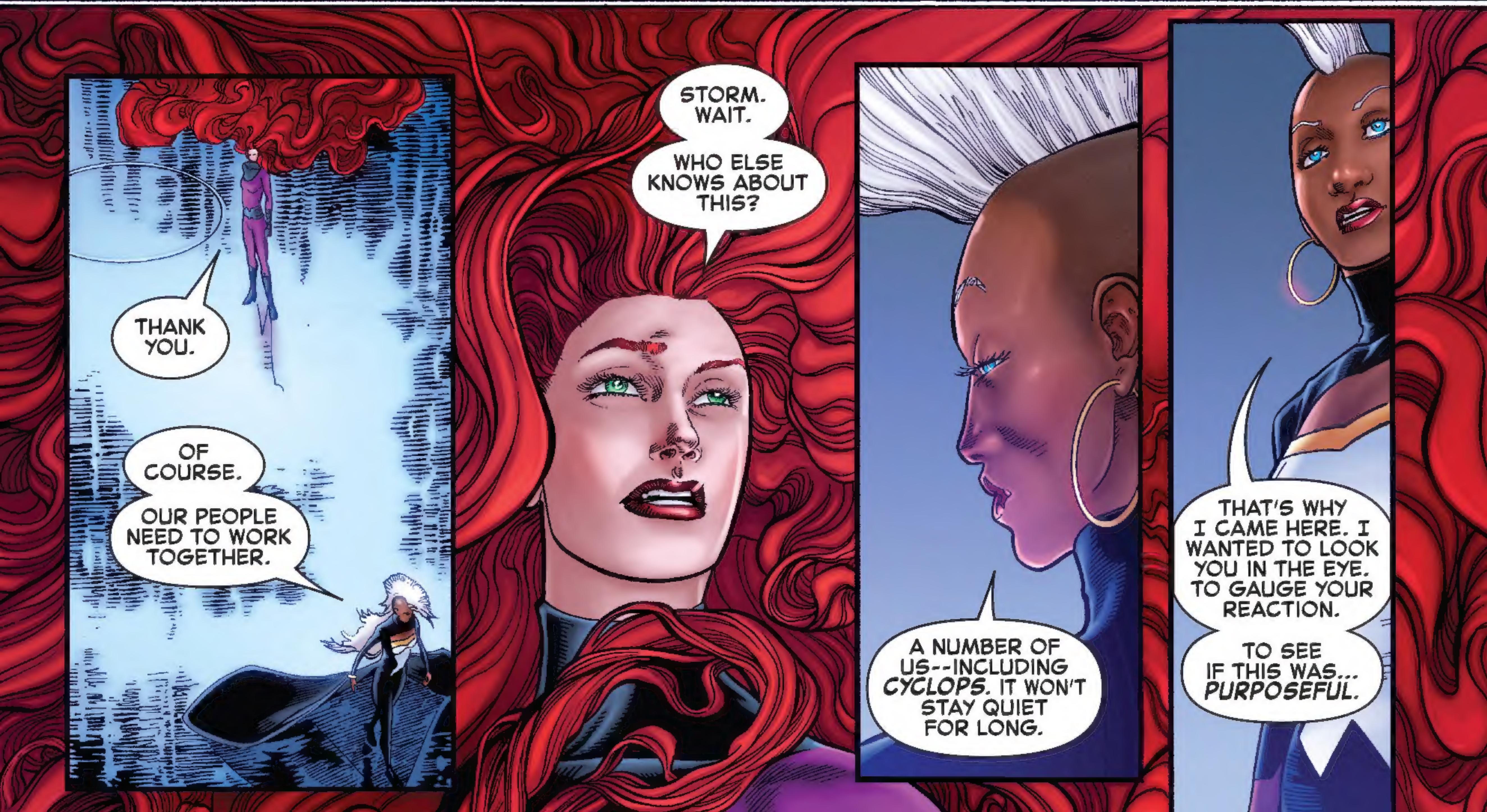
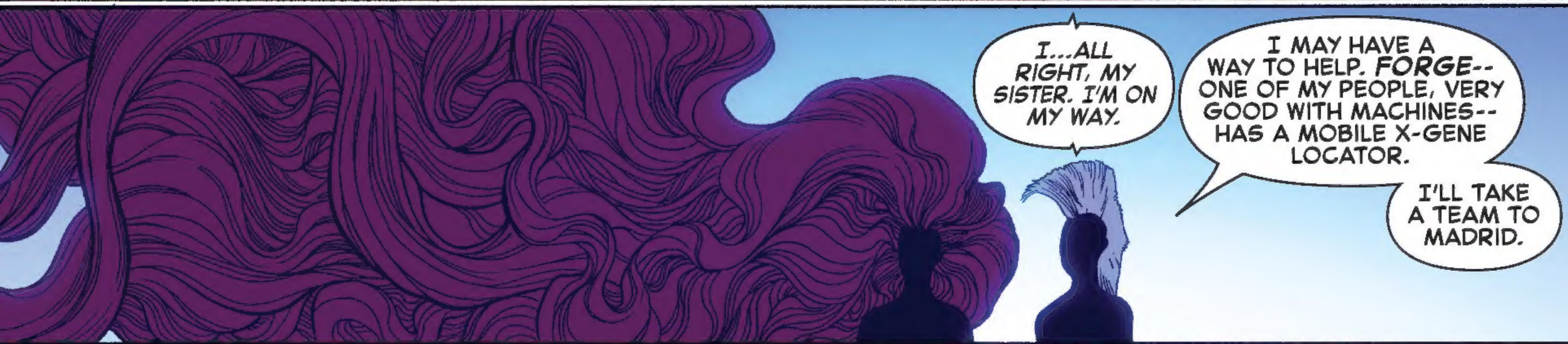
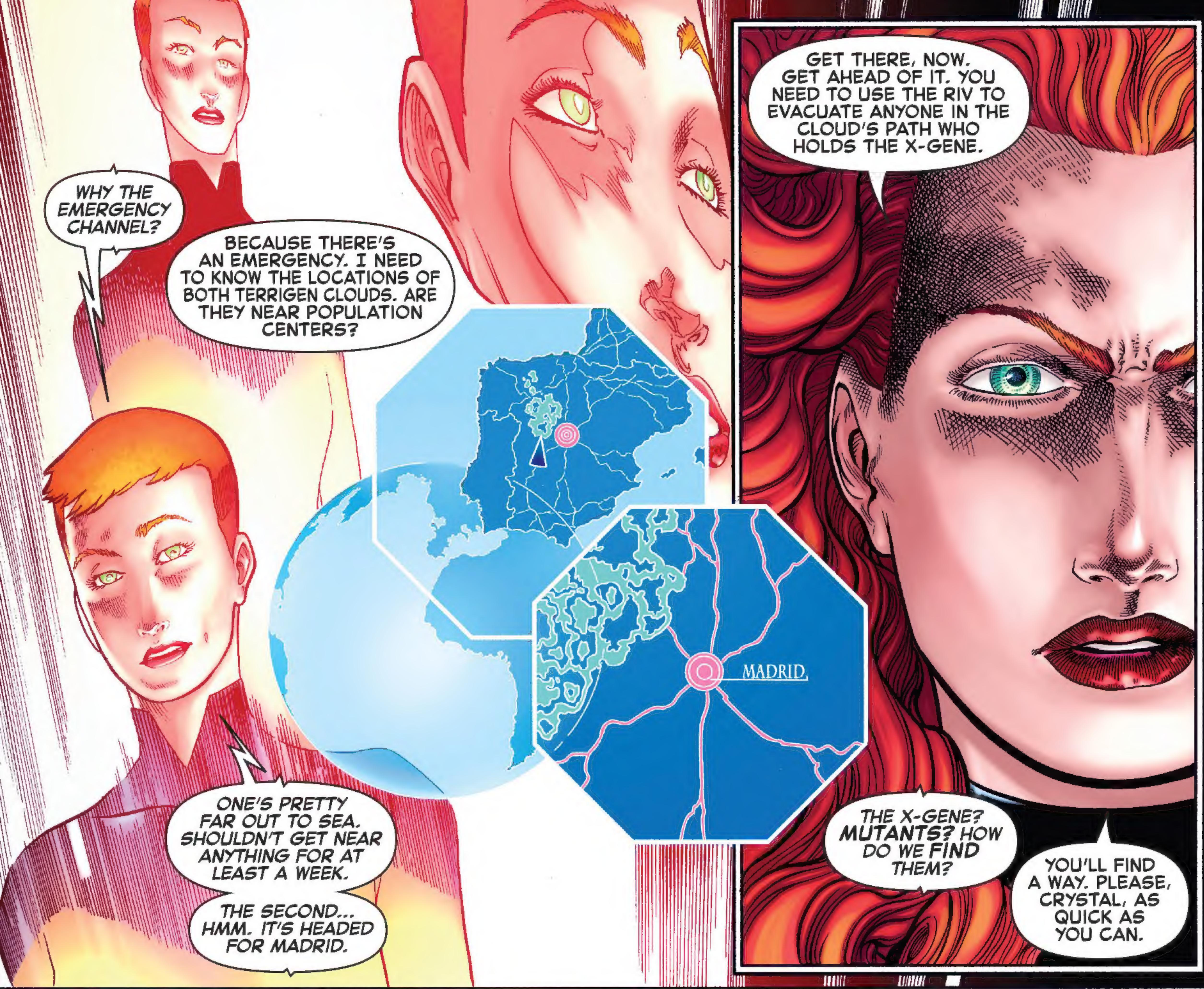
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STILL TRYING
TO UNDERSTAND
WHY.

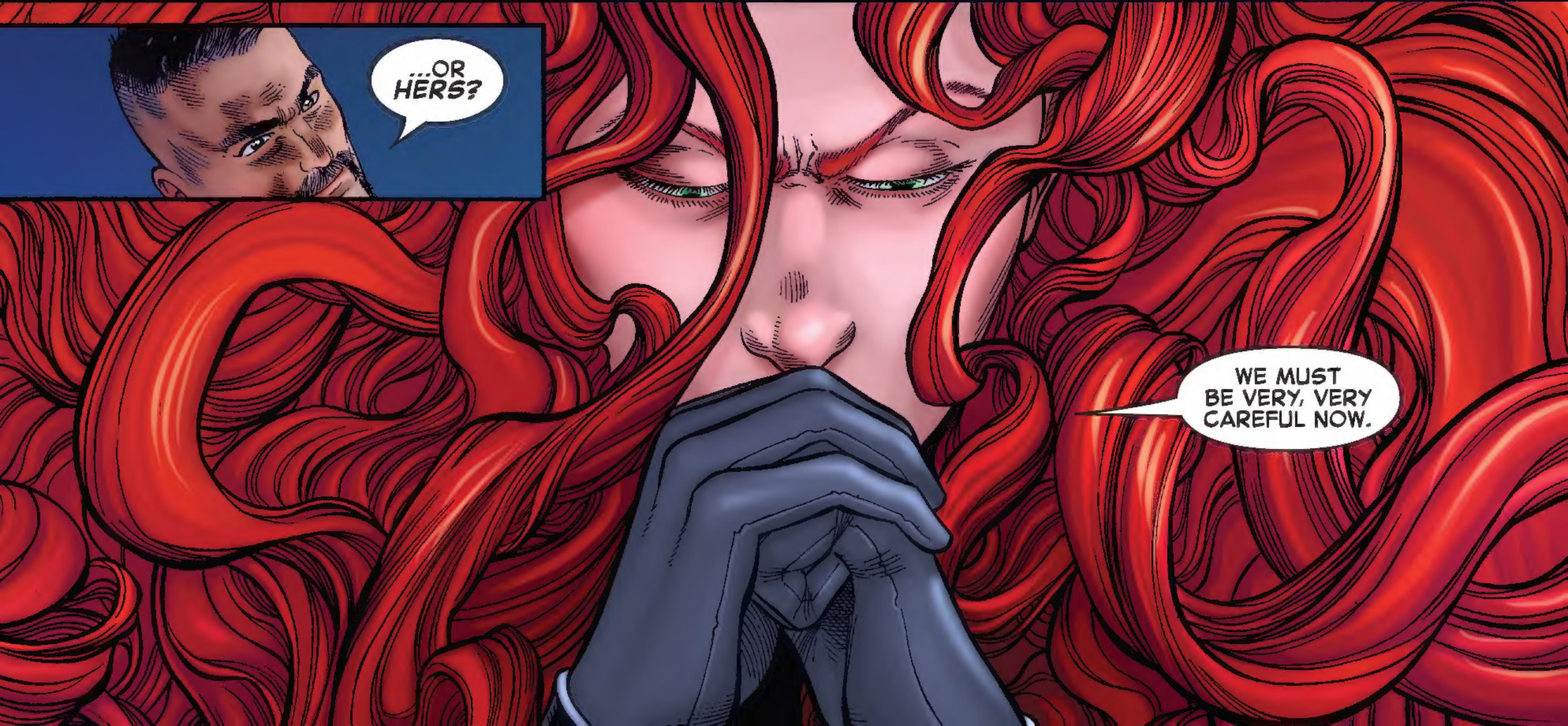
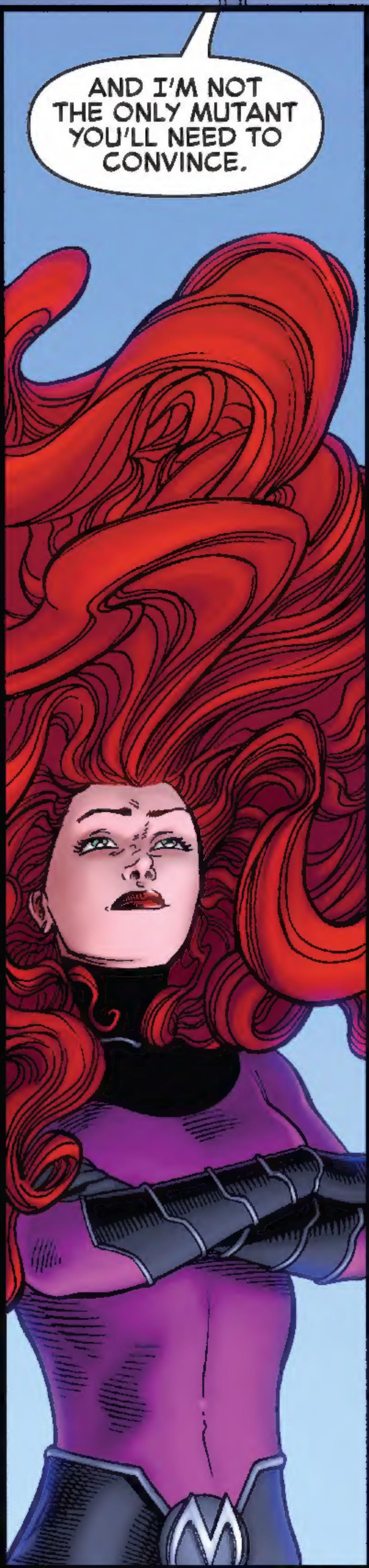
ALL OVER
THE WORLD? I
THINK...PERHAPS
WE CAN HELP
THERE, TOO.

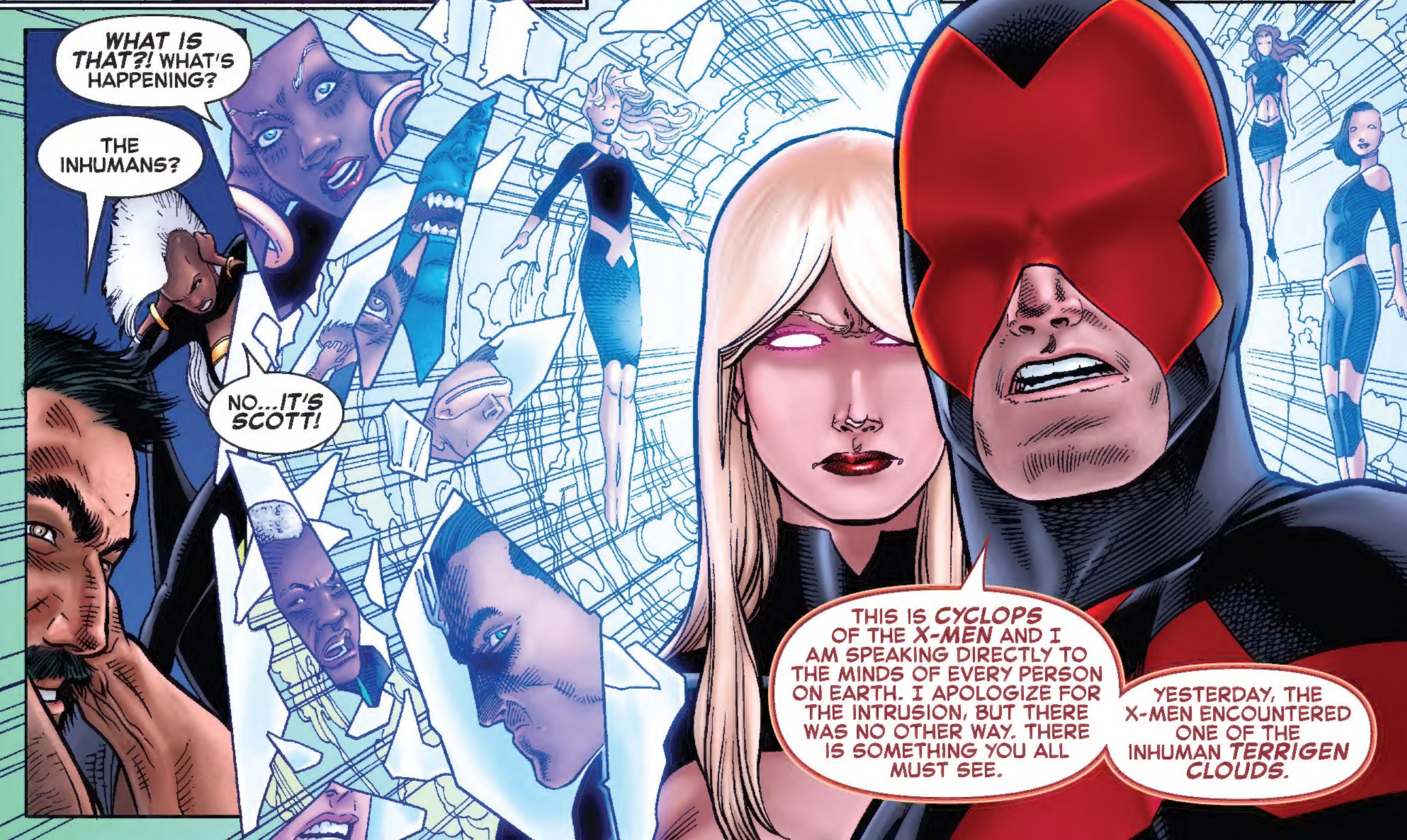
YOU RANG,
SISTER?

HELLO,
CRYSTAL.



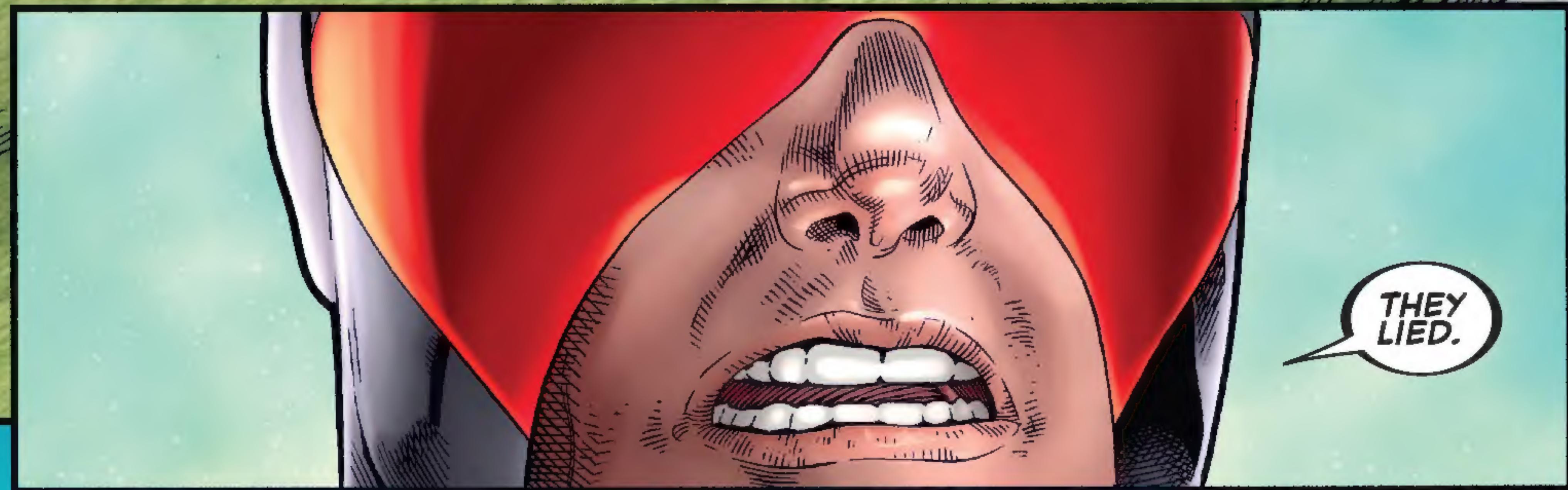


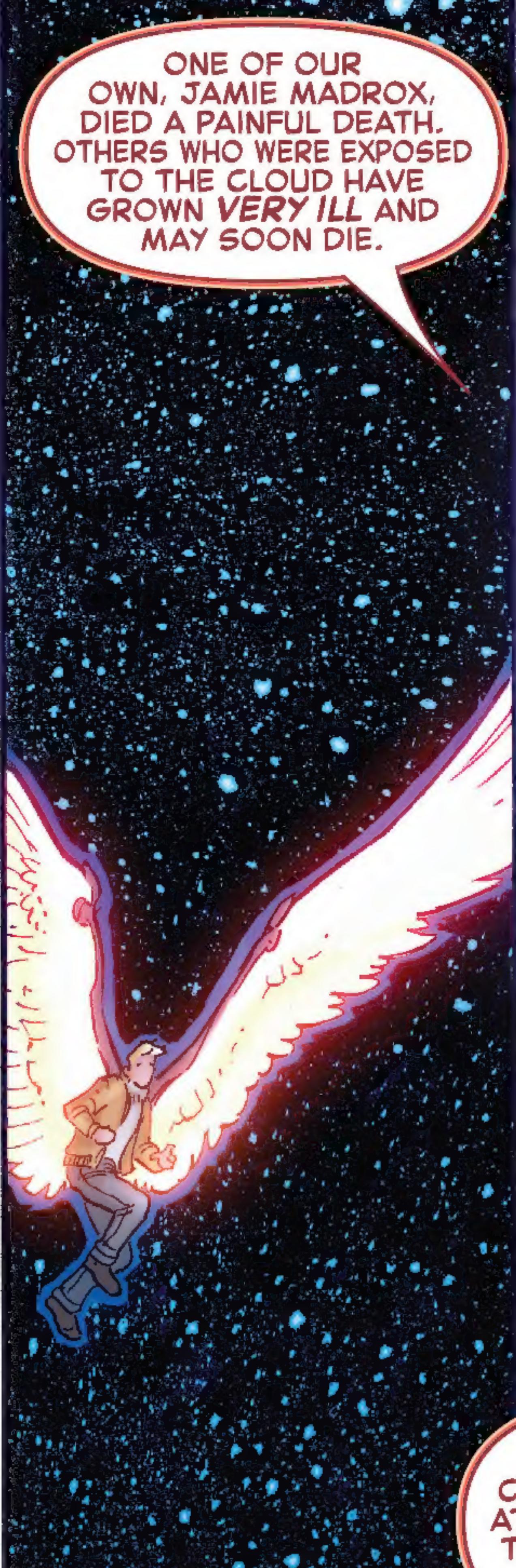




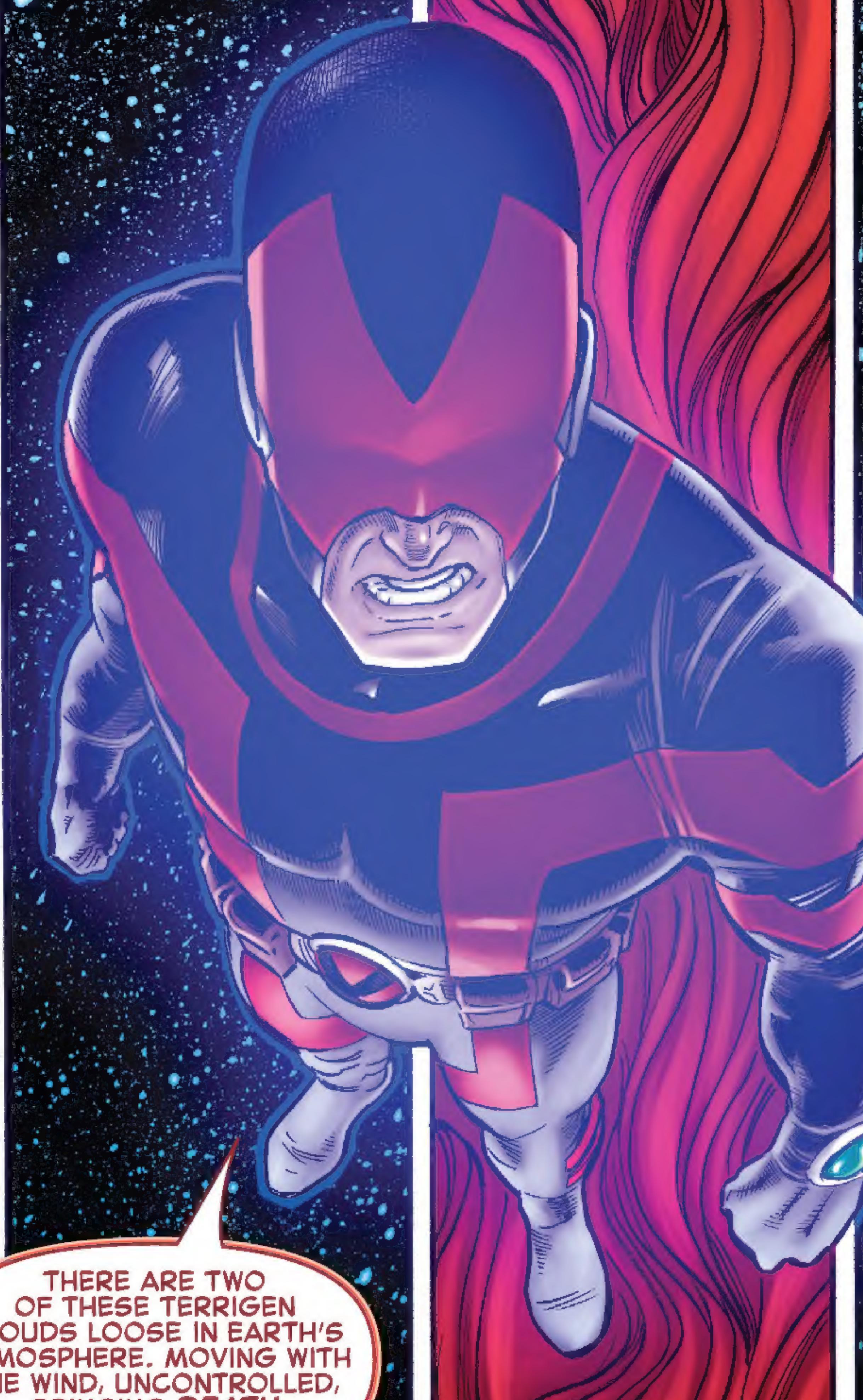
MUR ISLAND.

THE INHUMANS
WOULD HAVE YOU BELIEVE
THAT THE CLOUD--THIS
SUBSTANCE THEY POURED
INTO OUR ATMOSPHERE--CAN
ONLY INTERACT WITH THEIR
ALIEN DNA. THAT TO THE
NATIVES OF THIS PLANET,
IT IS BENIGN.





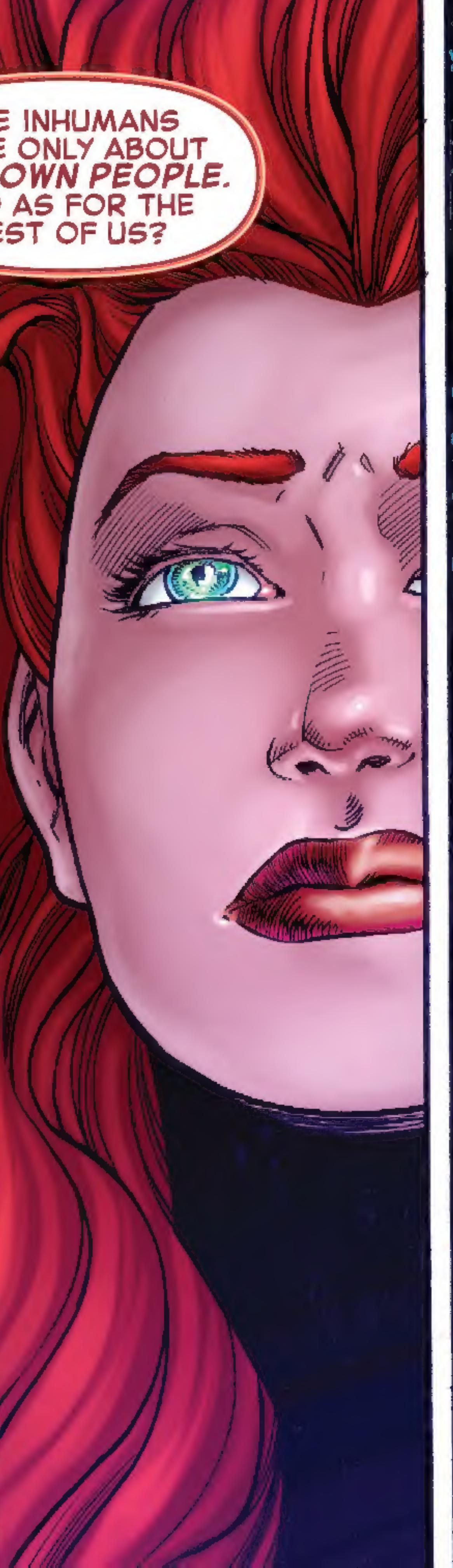
ONE OF OUR OWN, JAMIE MADROX, DIED A PAINFUL DEATH. OTHERS WHO WERE EXPOSED TO THE CLOUD HAVE GROWN VERY ILL AND MAY SOON DIE.



THERE ARE TWO OF THESE TERRIGEN CLOUDS LOOSE IN EARTH'S ATMOSPHERE. MOVING WITH THE WIND, UNCONTROLLED, BRINGING DEATH WHEREVER THEY GO.



THE INHUMANS CARE ONLY ABOUT THEIR OWN PEOPLE. AND AS FOR THE REST OF US?



IT DOESN'T MATTER IF WE LIVE OR DIE.



OH, SCOTT... WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

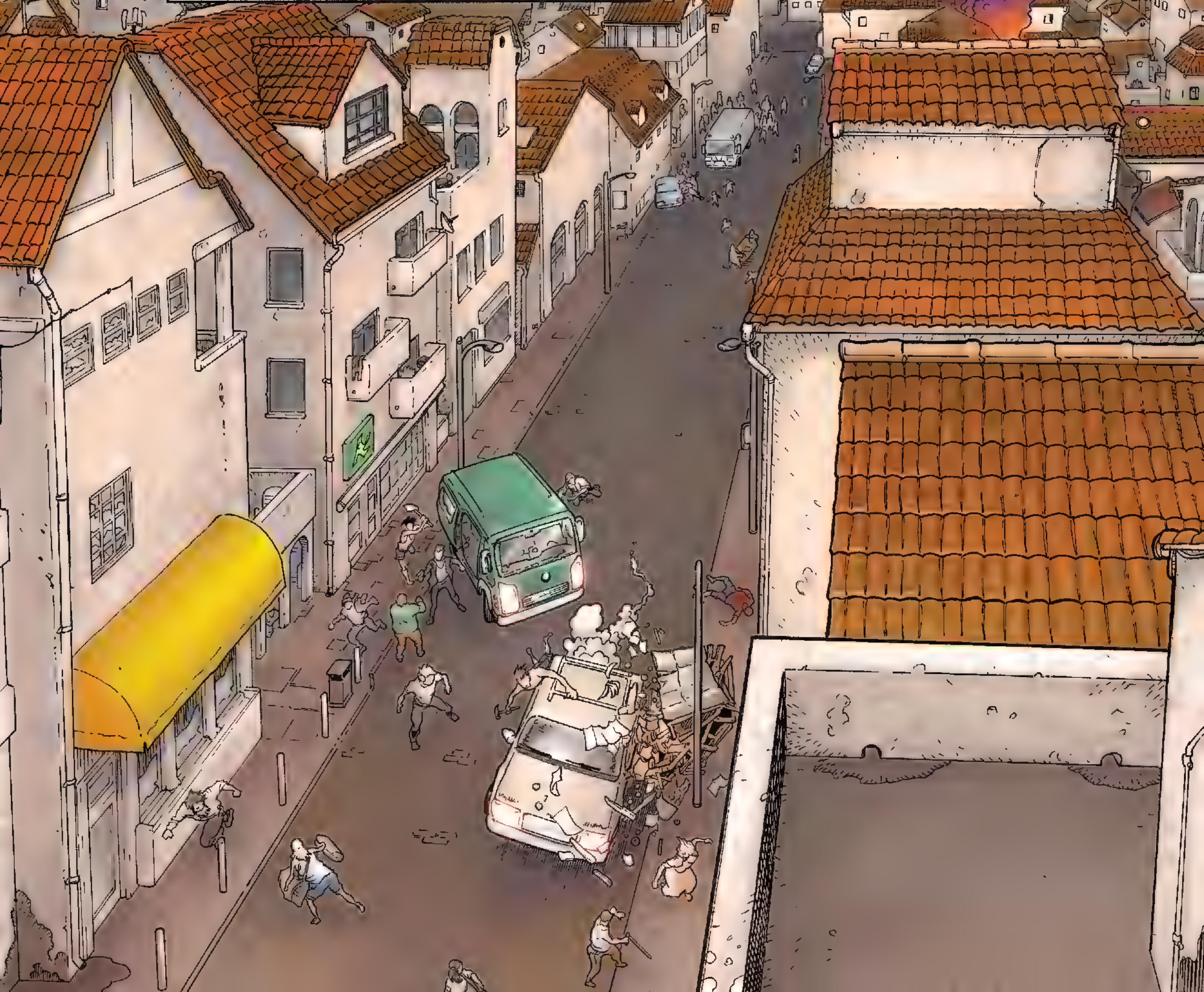
MADRID.



THE TERRIGEN CLOUD IS TOXIC TO MUTANTS. AND IT IS LIKELY JUST AS FATAL TO HUMANS. WE CAN NO LONGER TRUST THE INHUMANS.

AND WE CAN NO LONGER ALLOW THIS DANGER TO US ALL TO EXIST.

FOR TOO LONG YOU HAVE ALL FEARED AND HATED MUTANTS...



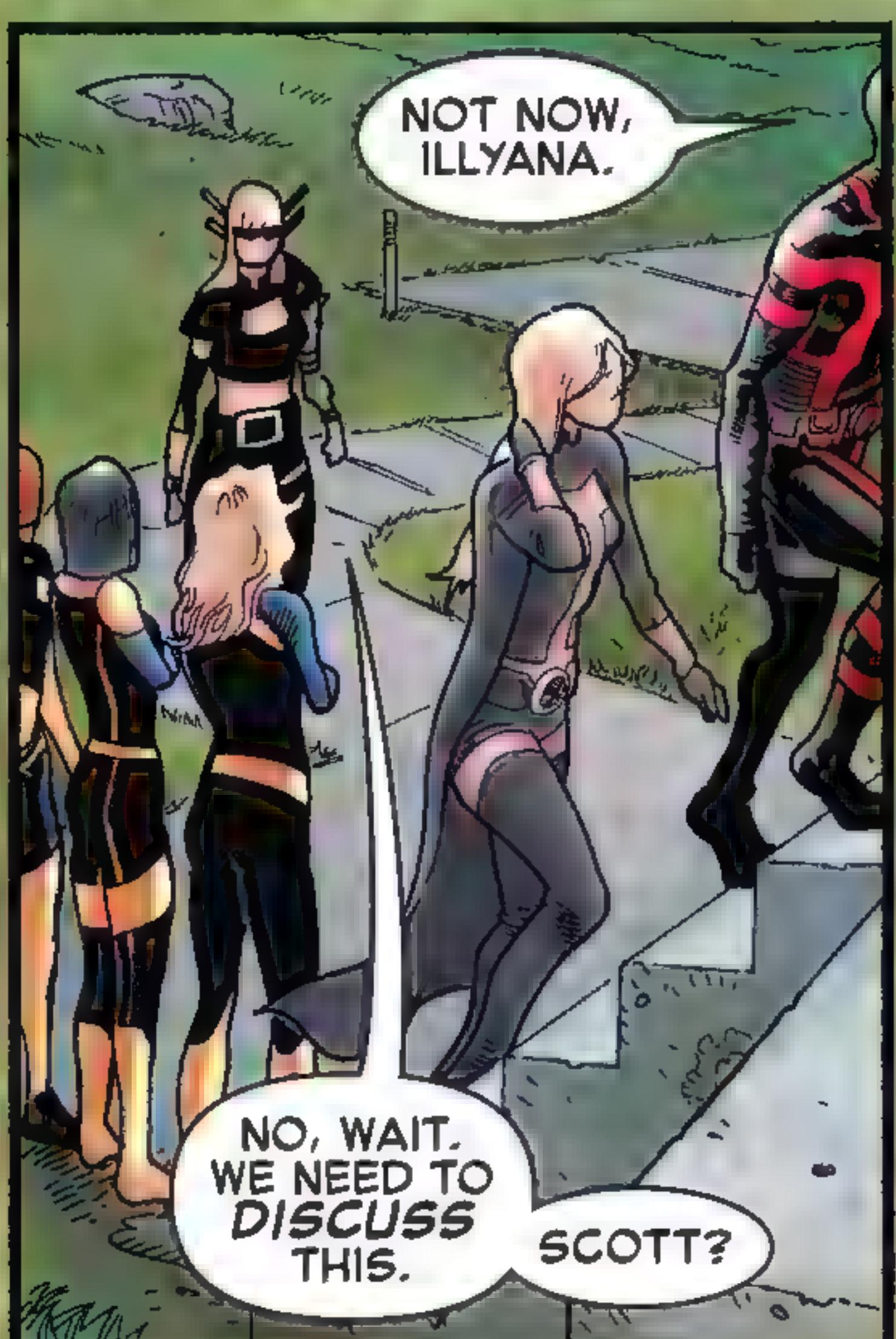
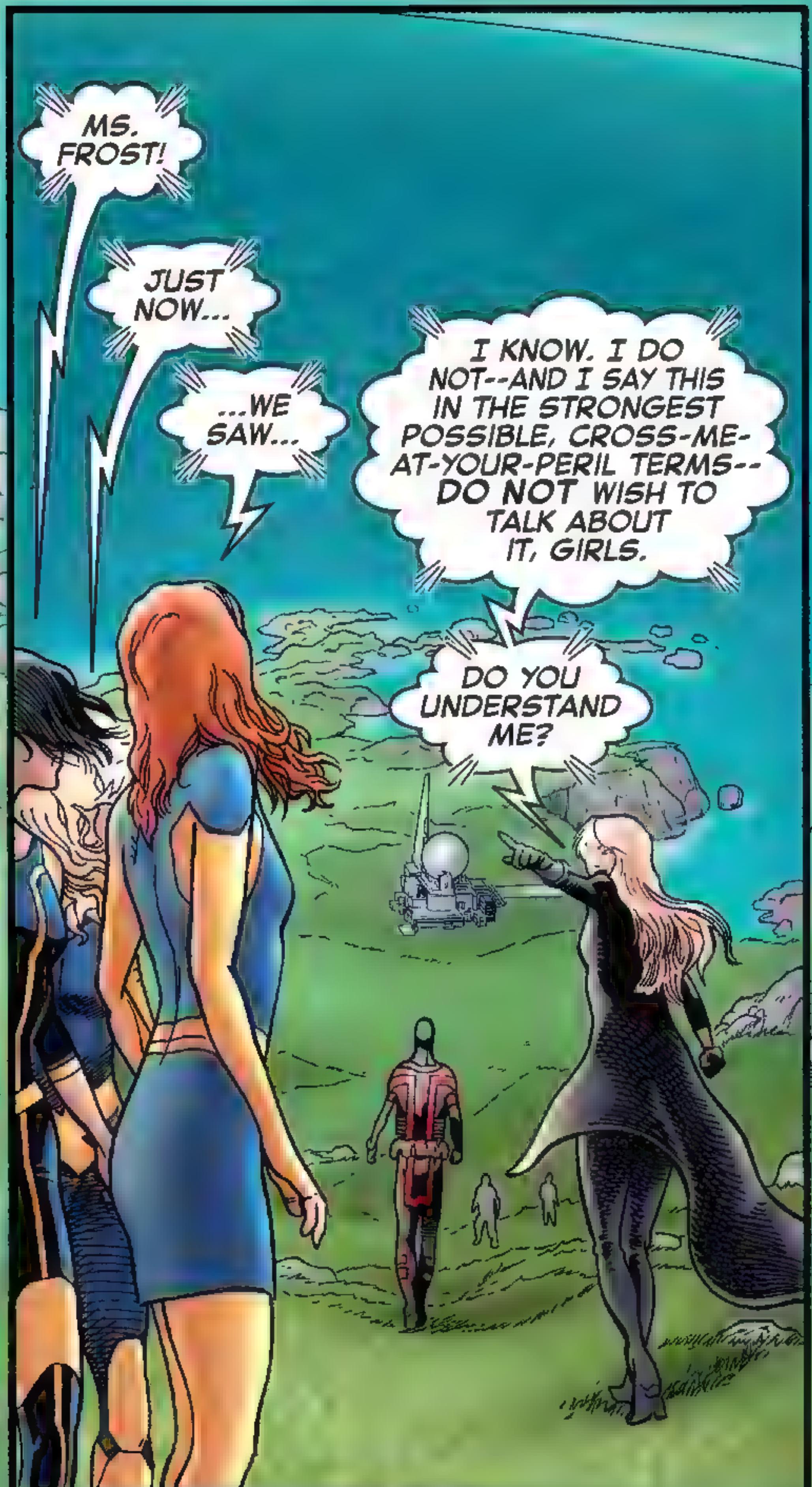
ALL THE WHILE,
INHUMANS WERE
RELEASING THE
REAL THREAT...

...INTO THE
VERY AIR WE
BREATHE.

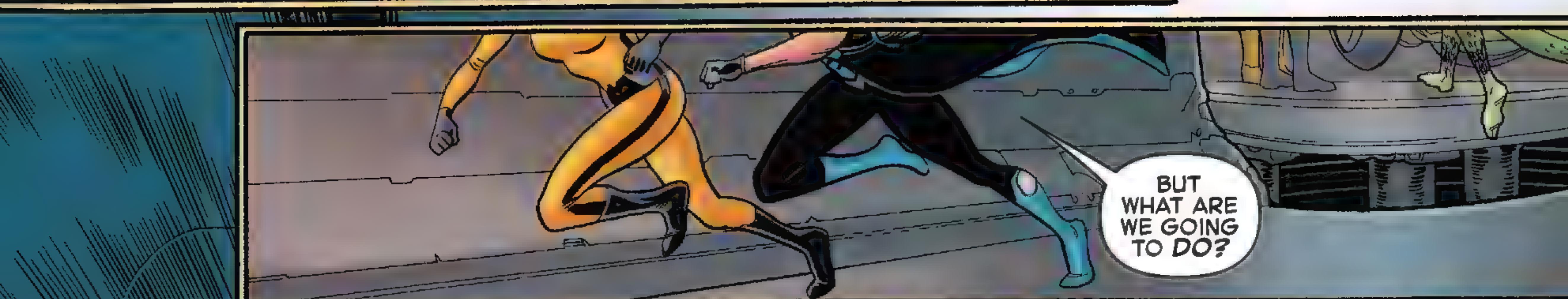
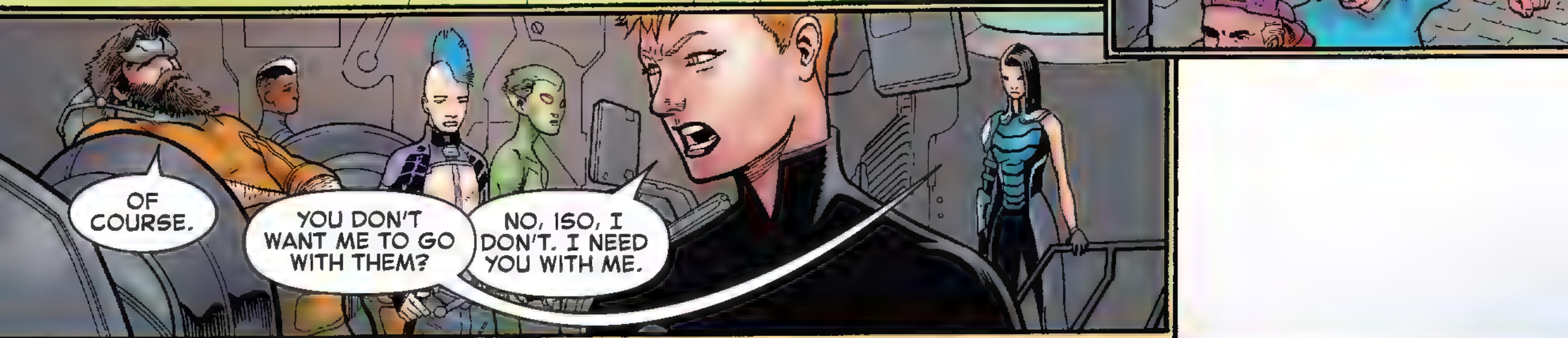
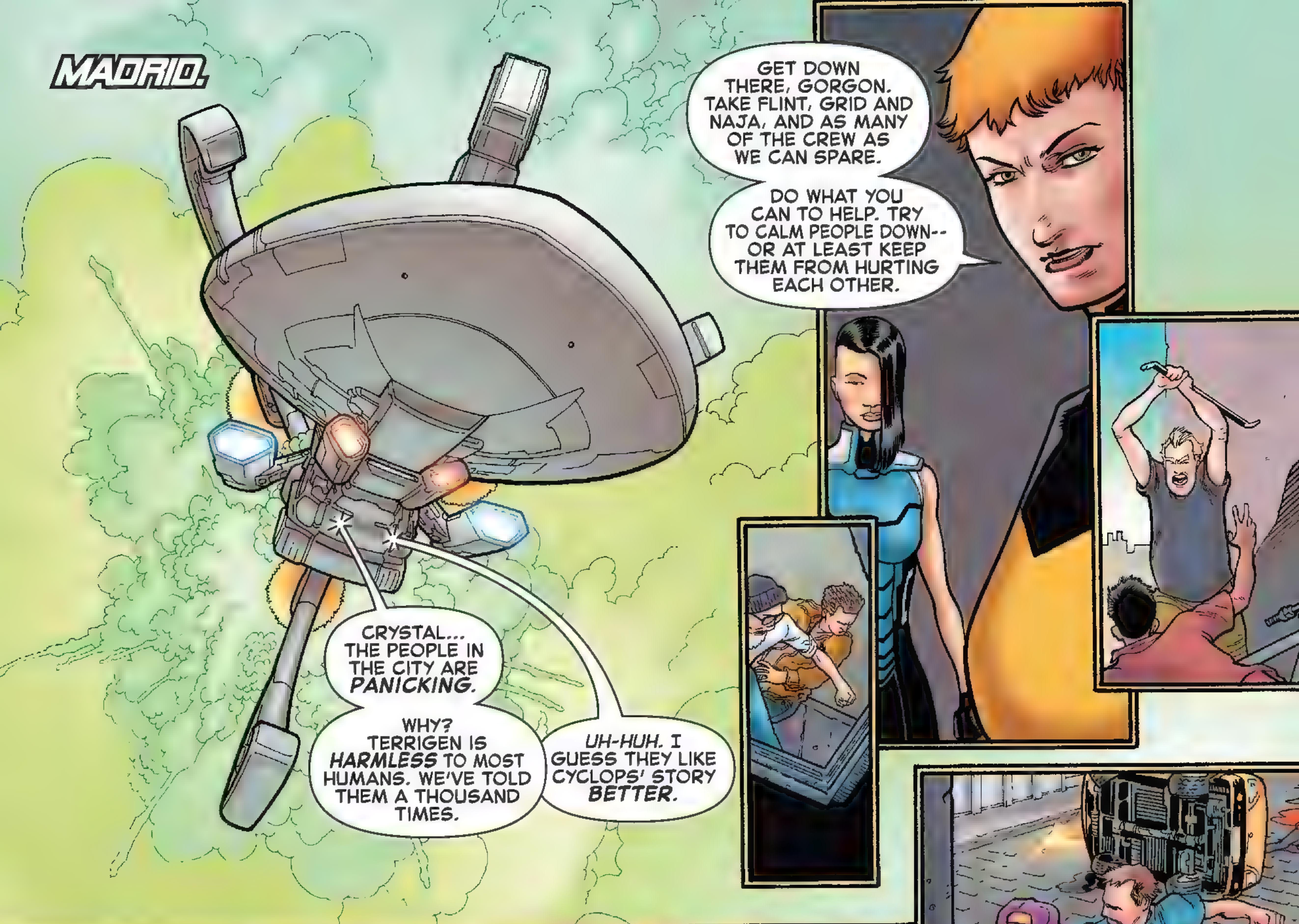
THE
INHUMANS
LIED TO
YOU.

THE
X-MEN...

...WILL
SAVE YOU.



MADRID.



"SO WE'LL HAVE TO MOVE THE CLOUD."

I'M NOT SURE WE CAN ACTUALLY DO THIS! I'M KEEPING THE PRESSURE AROUND THE CLOUD AS LOW AS I CAN TO MAKE IT EASIER FOR YOU TO MOVE, BUT THAT'S A GIGANTIC VOLUME OF AIR.

IT HAS TO WEIGH THOUSANDS AND THOUSANDS OF KILOGRAMS. ARE YOUR POWERS THAT STRONG?

THEY'LL HAVE TO BE.

GO!

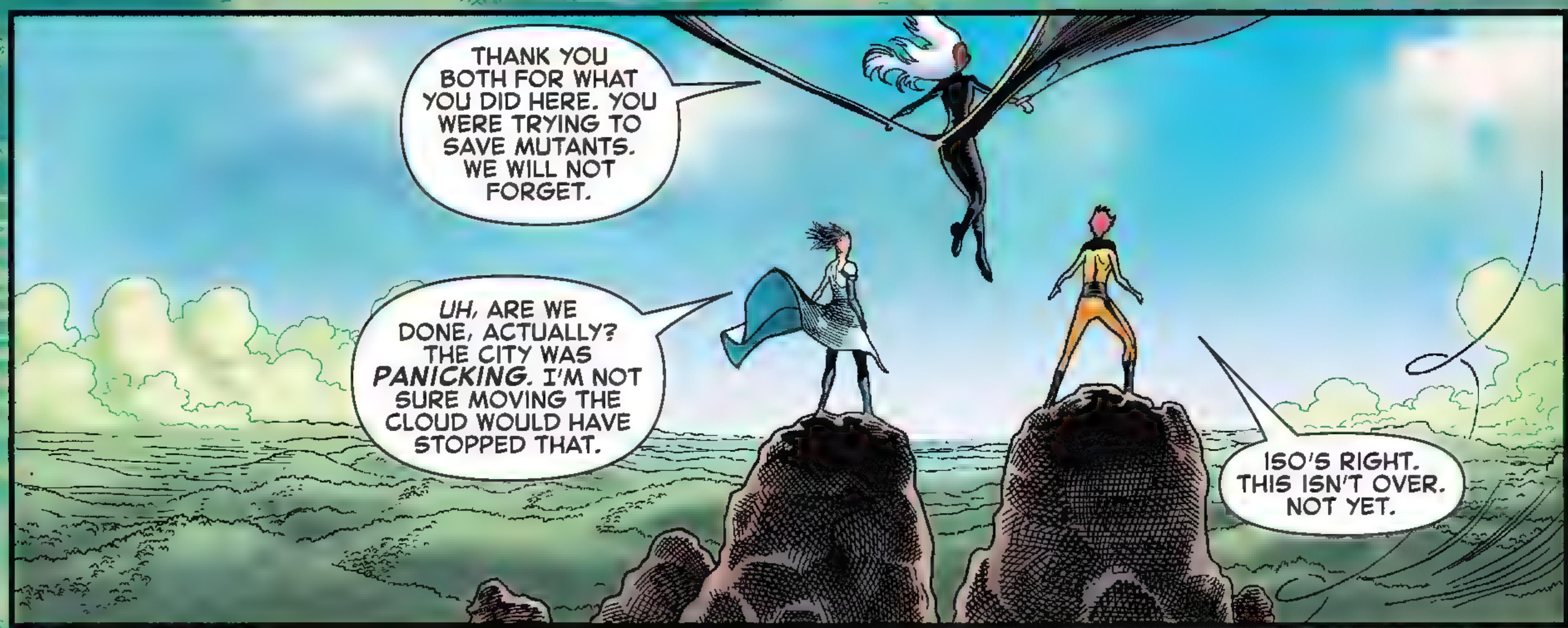
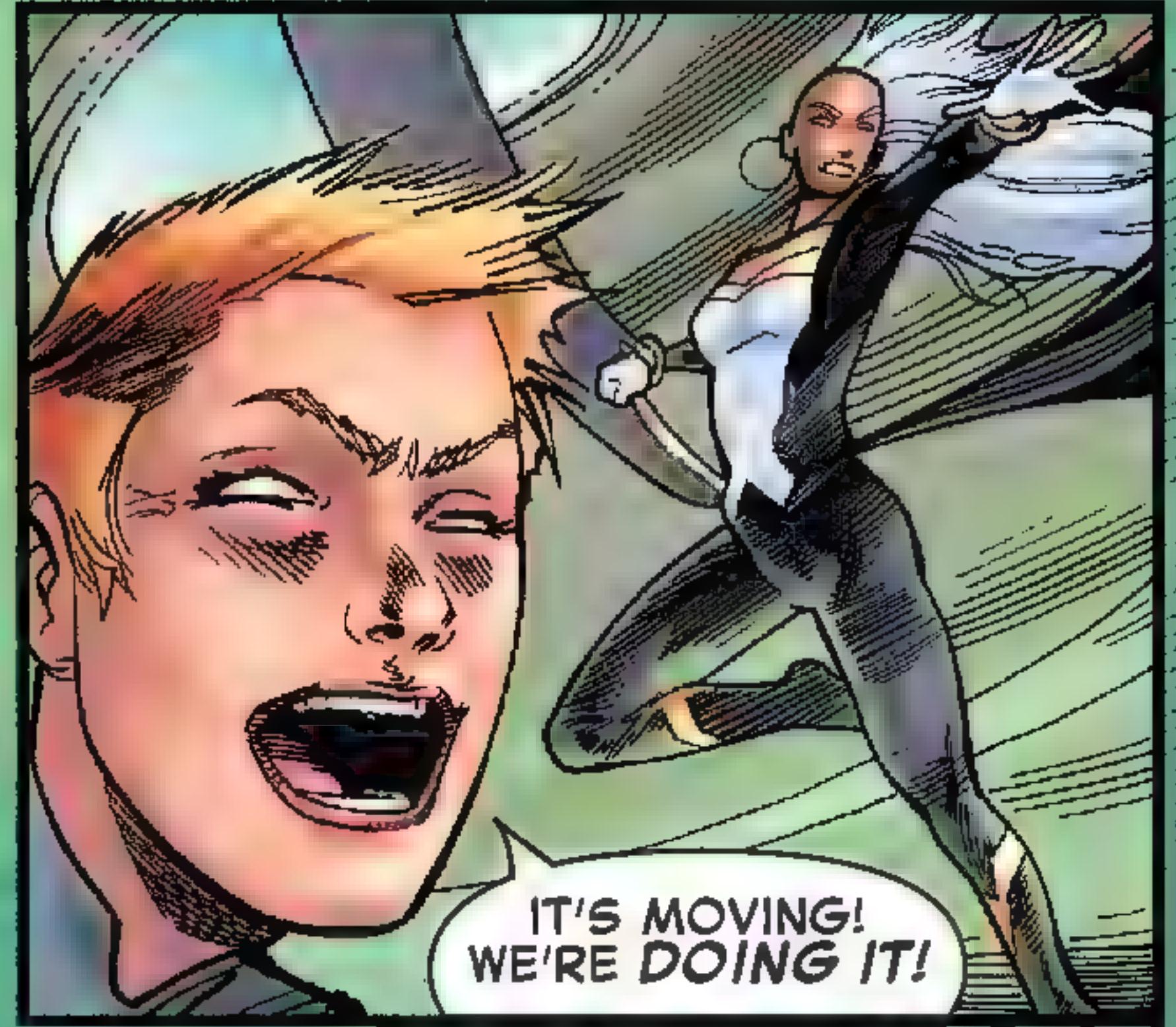
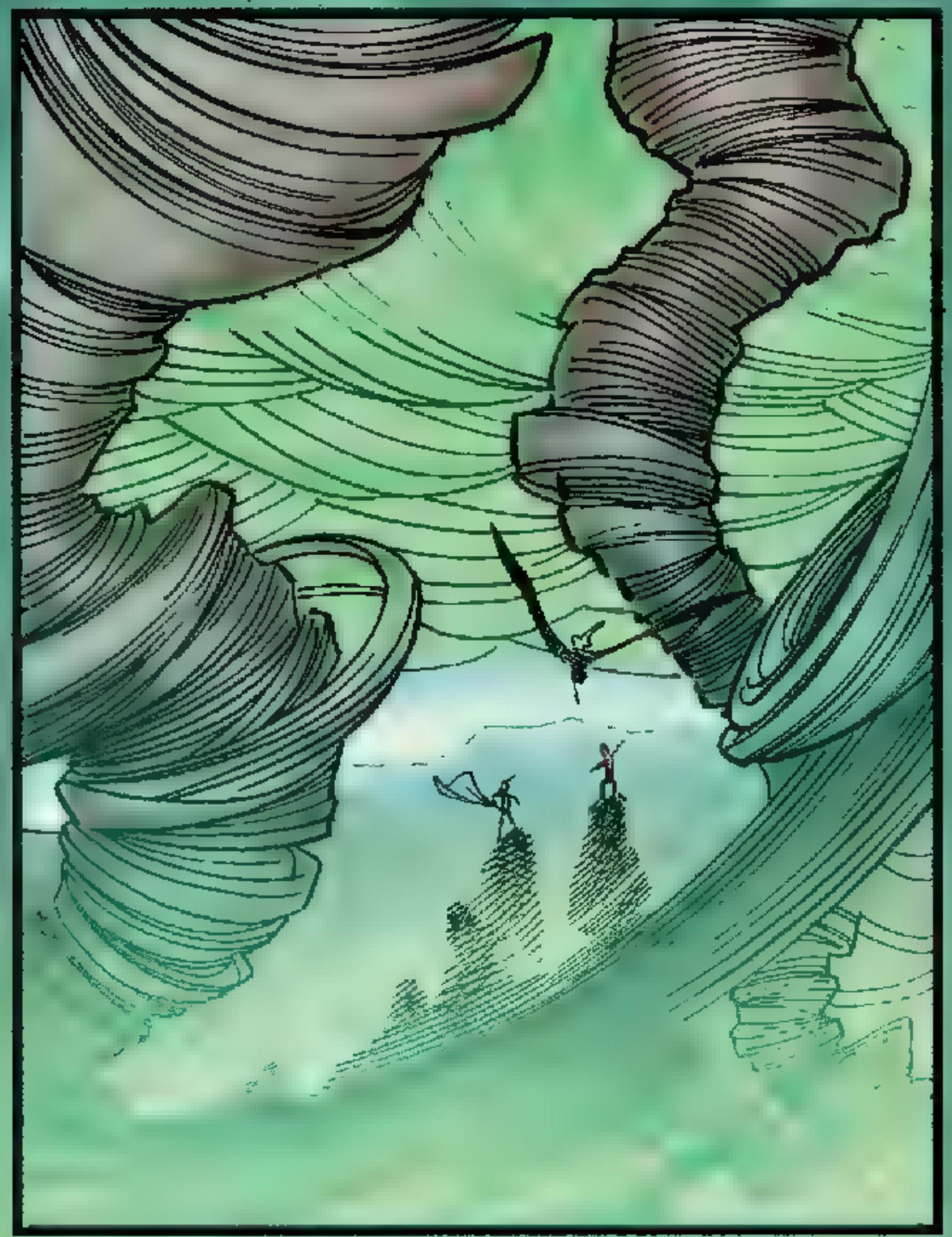
HELP ME, ISO!

I'M TRYING! IT'S TOO MUCH!

NNNNGH!

CRYSTAL... THIS WILL... KILL US.

WE... CAN'T... DO IT... ALONE...



MUIR ISLAND.



THANK YOU FOR COMING, BROTHER. I WAS NOT SURE ANYONE WOULD.

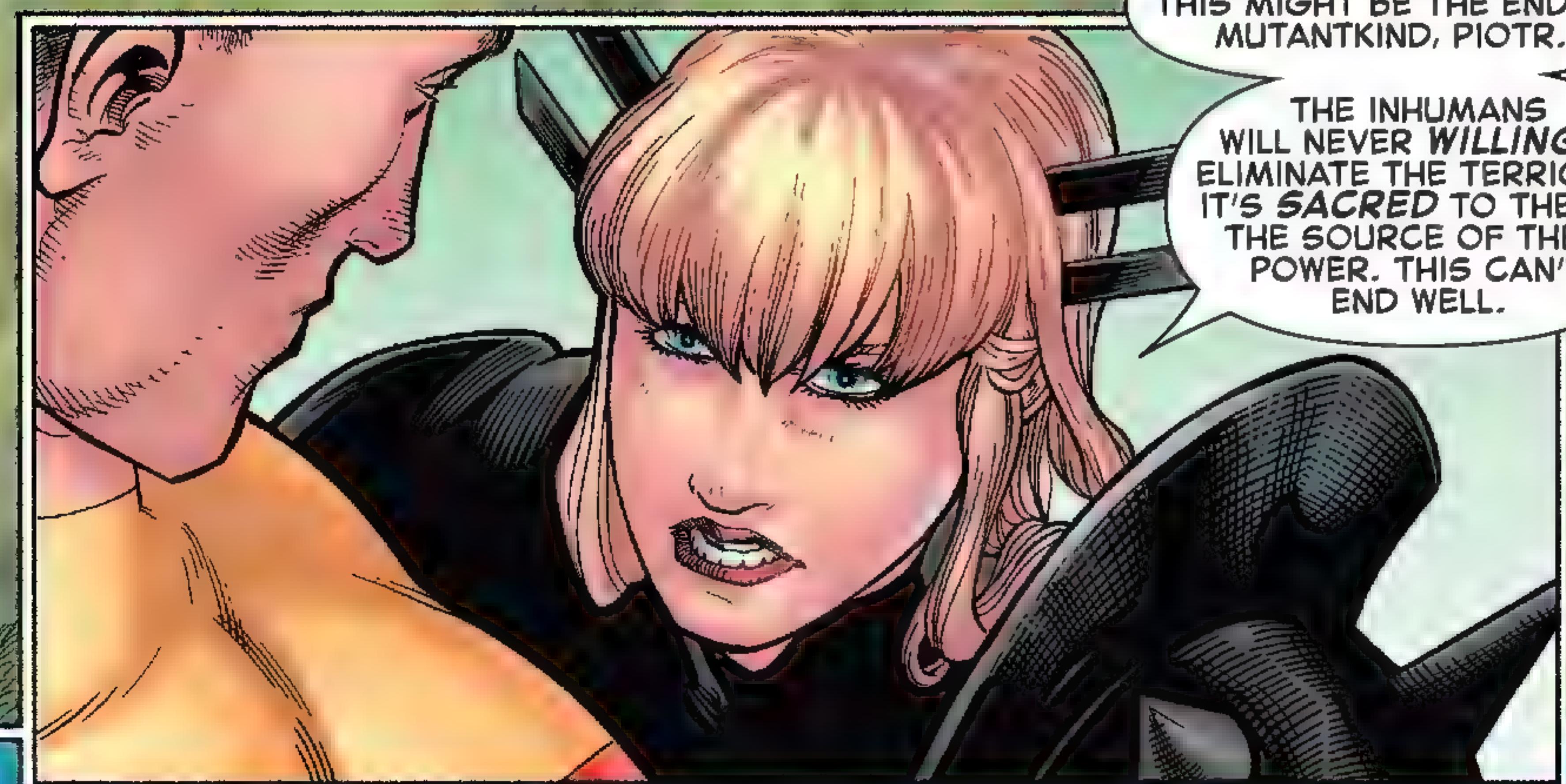
OF COURSE, SNOWFLAKE. I CAME FOR JAMIE. BUT ALSO FOR YOU.

AND BY THE LOOKS OF THINGS, I'M NOT THE ONLY ONE. MORE MUTANTS ARE ARRIVING BY THE MINUTE.

AND, WHILE I AGREE THAT SOMETHING NEEDS TO BE DONE ABOUT THE TERRIGEN, I MUST ADMIT THAT SCOTT'S RHETORIC MAKES ME A BIT UNCOMFORTABLE.

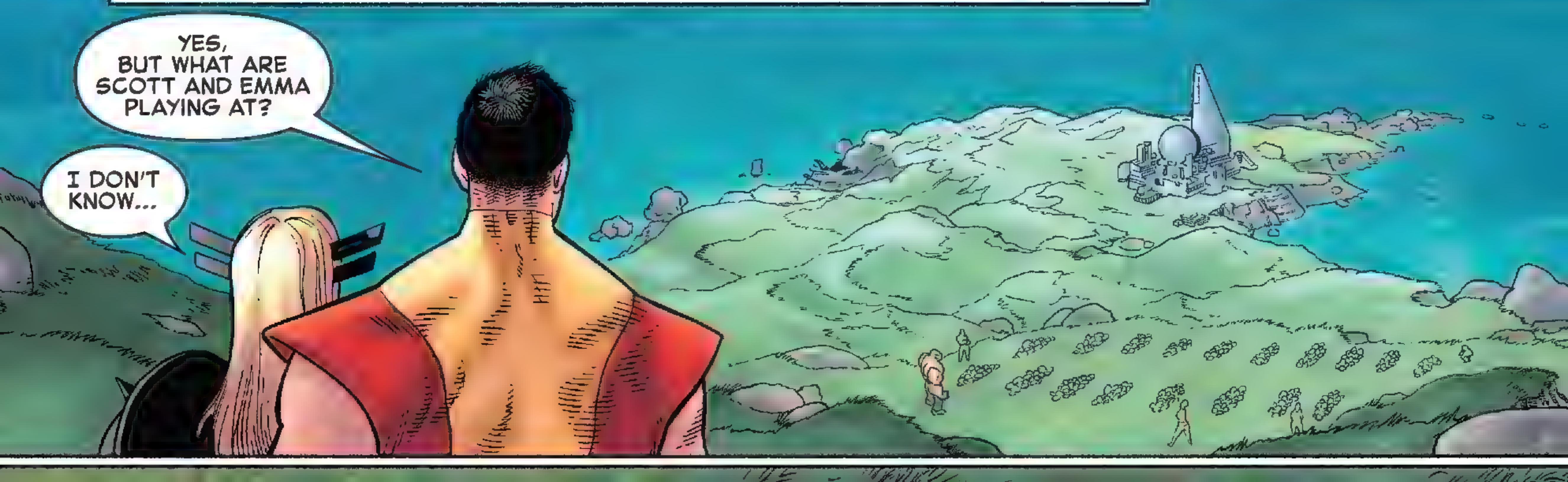
UNCOMFORTABLE?! THIS MIGHT BE THE END OF MUTANTKIND, PIOTR.

THE INHUMANS WILL NEVER WILLINGLY ELIMINATE THE TERRIGEN. IT'S SACRED TO THEM-- THE SOURCE OF THEIR POWER. THIS CAN'T END WELL.

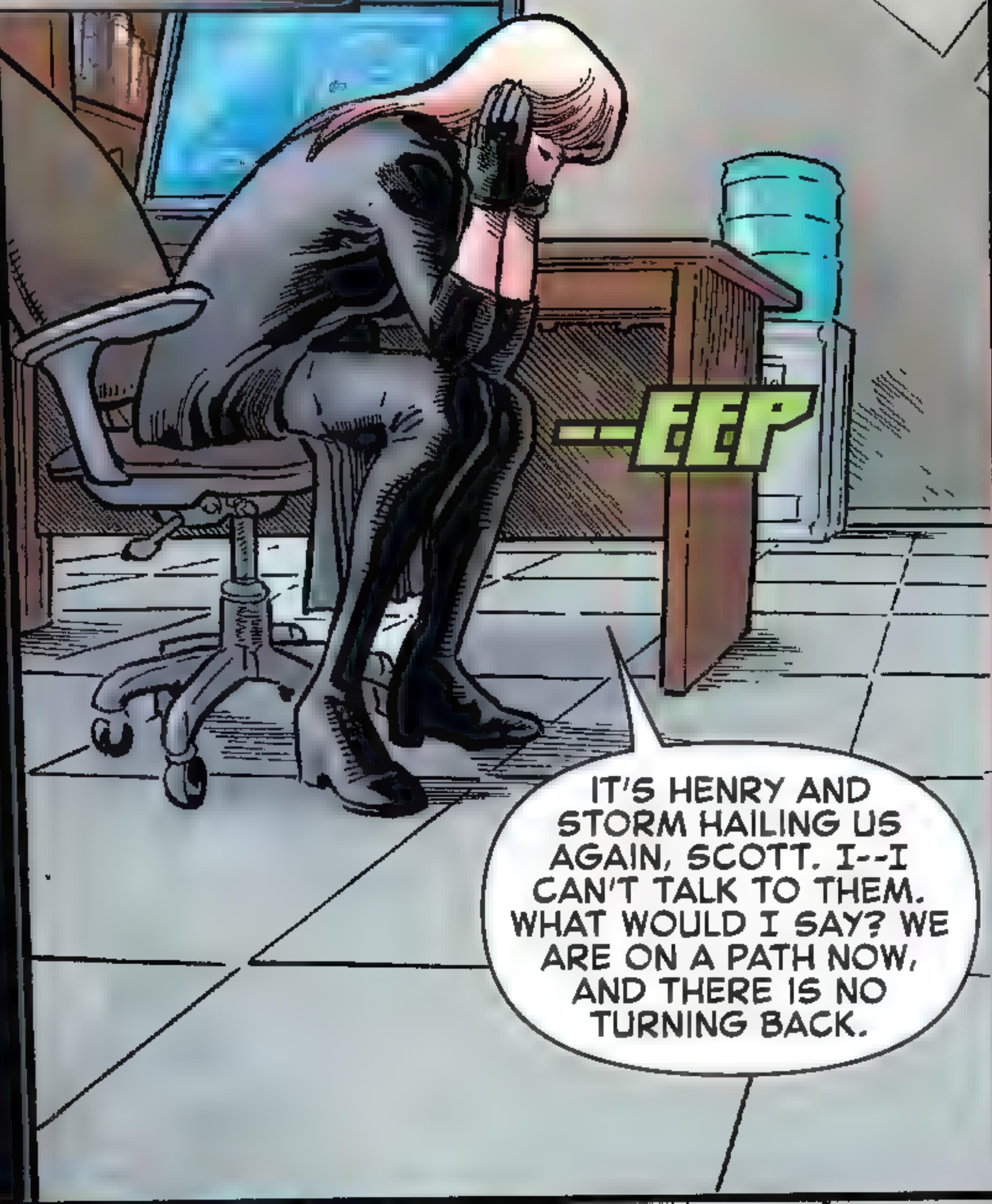


YES, BUT WHAT ARE SCOTT AND EMMA PLAYING AT?

I DON'T KNOW...

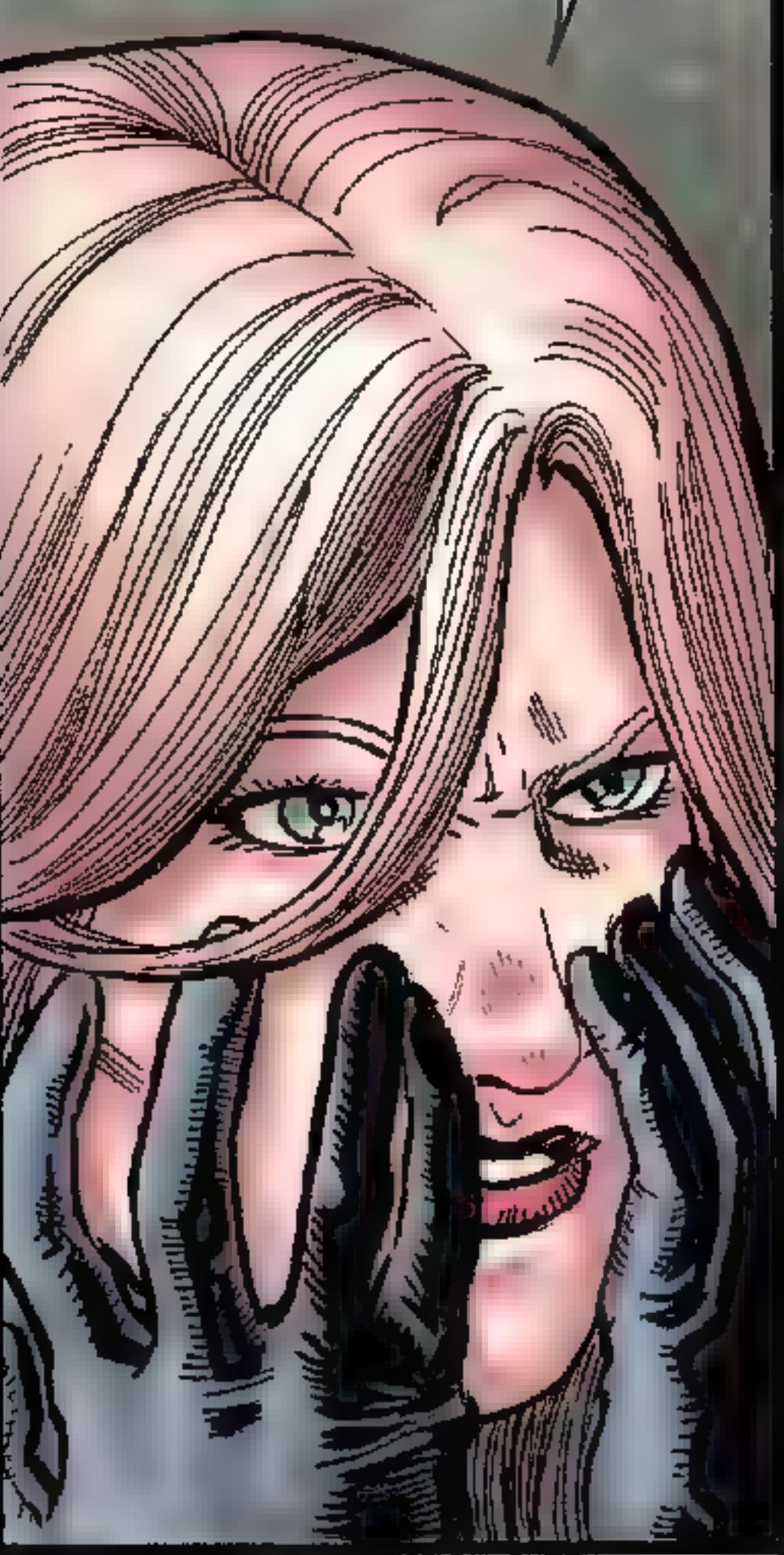


"...THEY HAVEN'T COME OUT OF THAT DAMNED RESEARCH FACILITY IN HOURS."



--EEP
IT'S HENRY AND STORM HAILING US AGAIN, SCOTT. I--I CAN'T TALK TO THEM. WHAT WOULD I SAY? WE ARE ON A PATH NOW, AND THERE IS NO TURNING BACK.

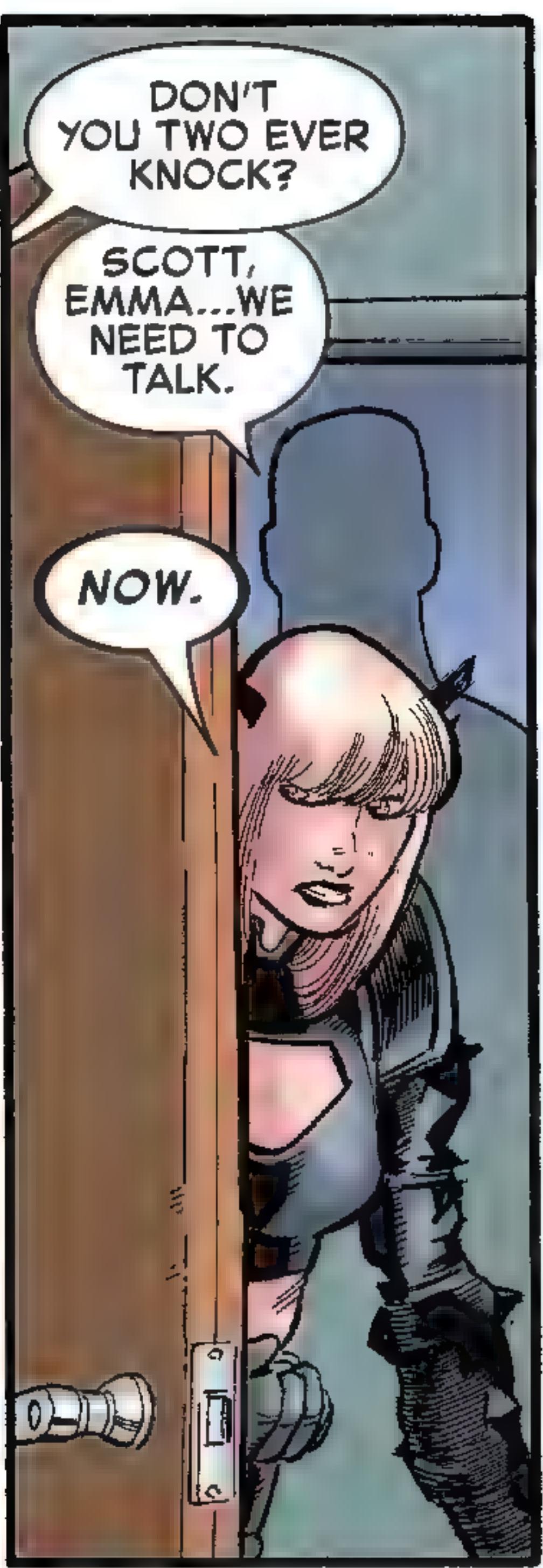
I'M NOT SURE HOW MUCH LONGER I CAN DO THIS--YOU NEED TO BE STRONG FOR THE BOTH OF US, SCOTT. NOT JUST FOR US...FOR ALL OF THEM.



DON'T YOU TWO EVER KNOCK?

SCOTT, EMMA...WE NEED TO TALK.

NOW.



THEY'RE RIGHT, EMMA. IT'S TIME TO TELL THEM EVERYTHING.



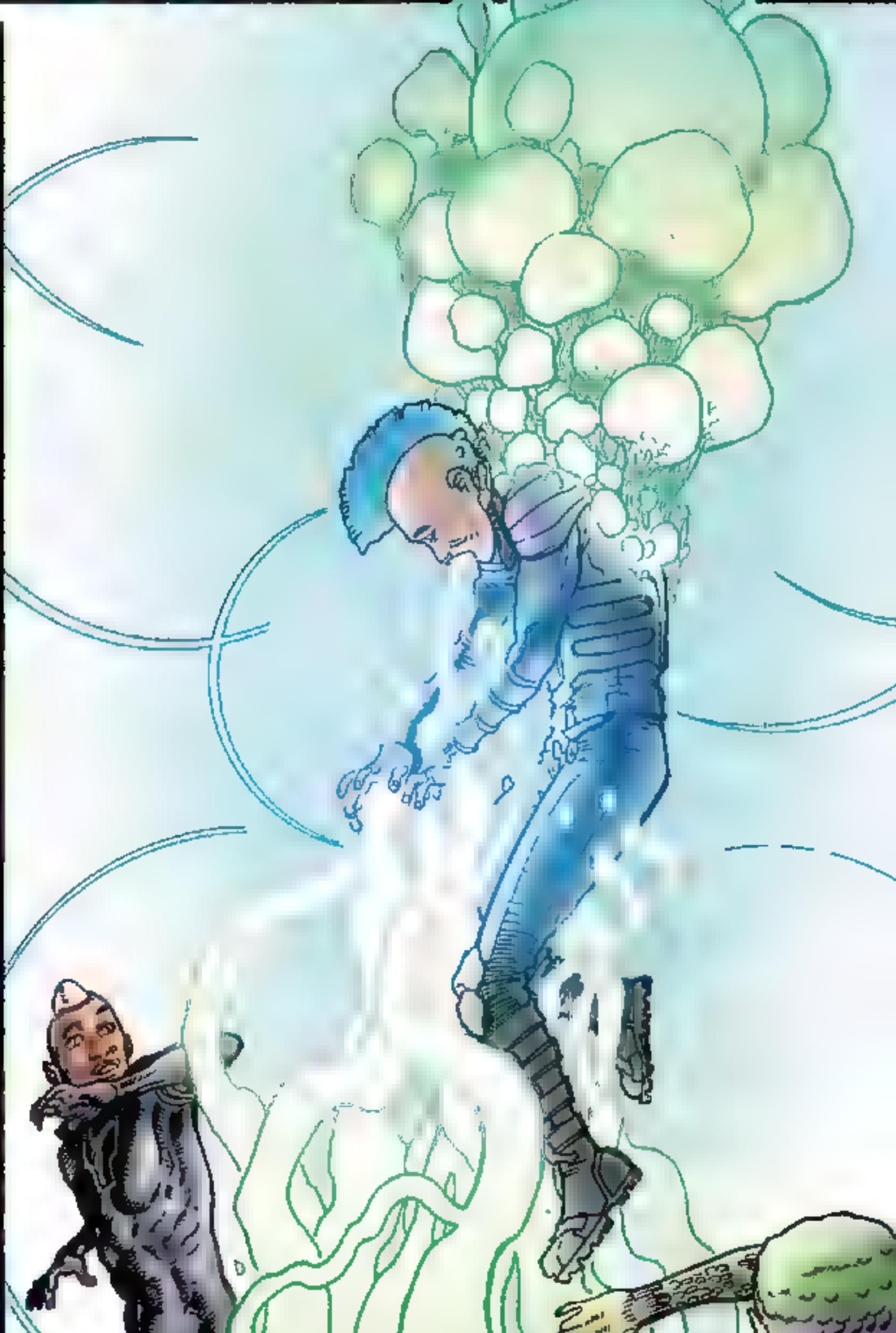
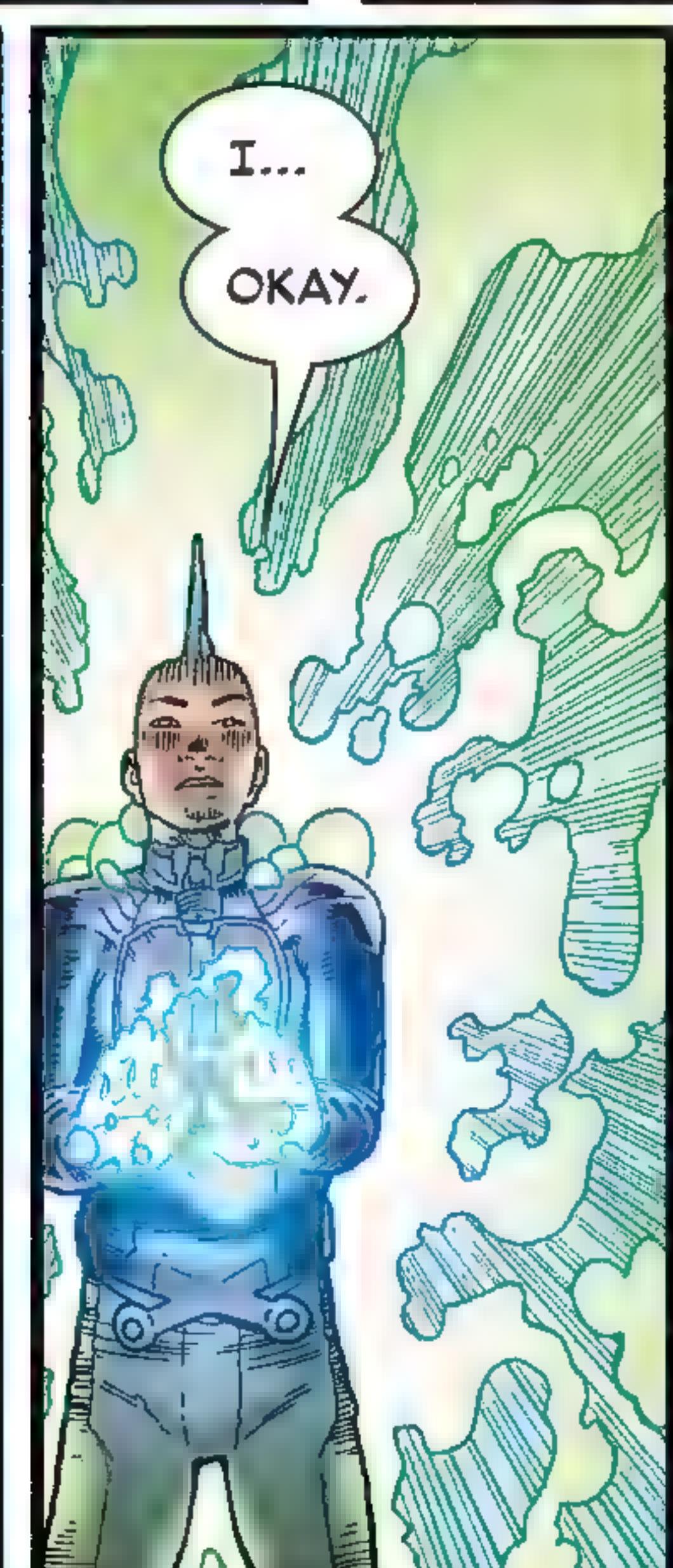
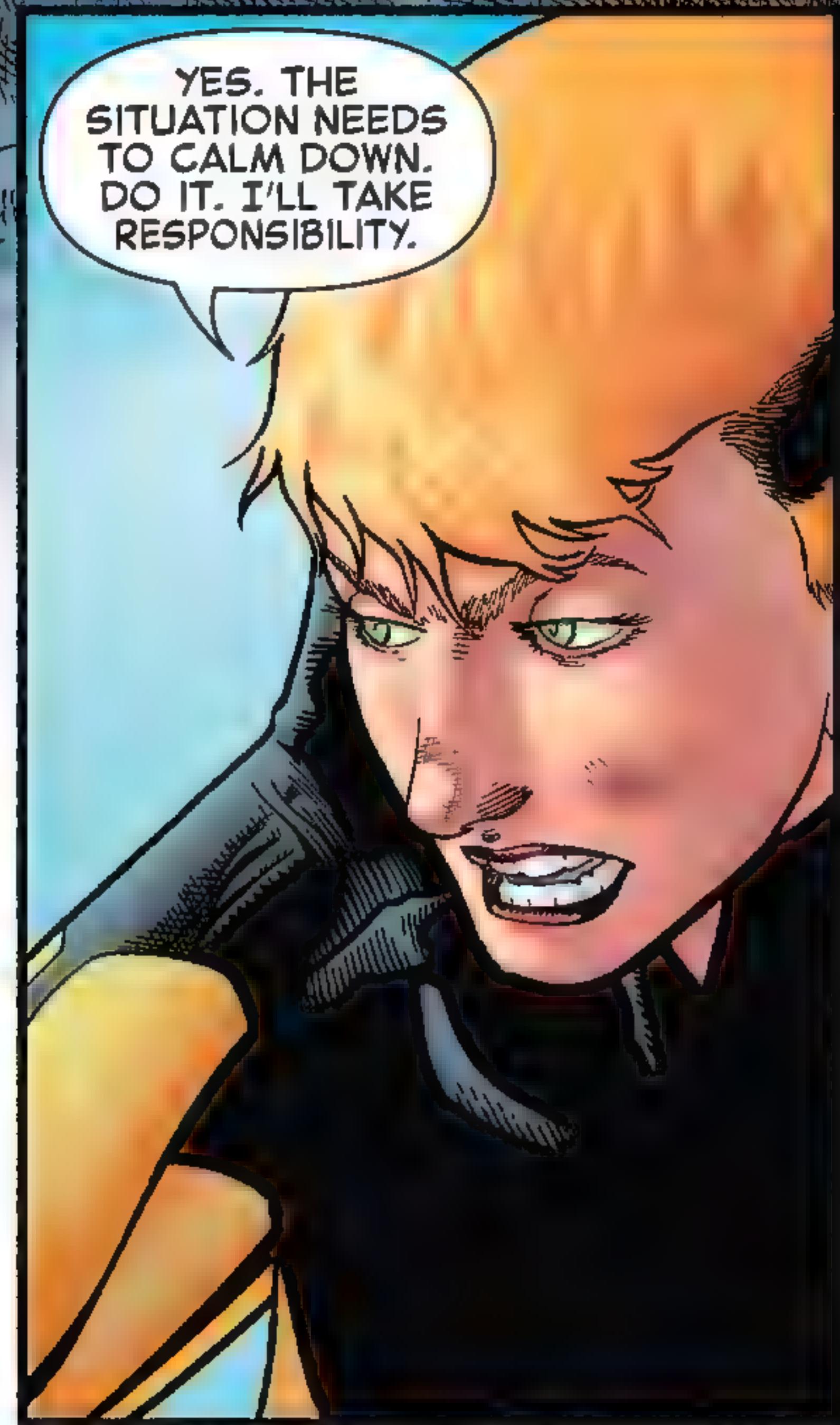
LET'S TALK.

EMMA AND I WILL NOT SIT BY AND LET THE INHUMANS DESTROY US. WE HAVE A PLAN. WE'VE BEEN REACHING OUT, GATHERING ALLIES.

POWERFUL MUTANTS WHO AGREE WITH OUR POSITION, WITH MORE TO COME.

YOU CAN STEP BACK, OR YOU CAN HELP. BUT EITHER WAY...





"CYCLOPS ASKED ME TO REACH OUT TO YOU."

"YOU HEARD WHAT HE SAID--THE TERRIGEN MIST IS KILLING US."

"SCOTT AND I HAVE A PLAN--IT WILL SAVE US ALL. IT WILL GIVE US OUR PLANET BACK."

"IT'S DANGEROUS. ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE, AND WE WON'T GET A SECOND SHOT AT IT."

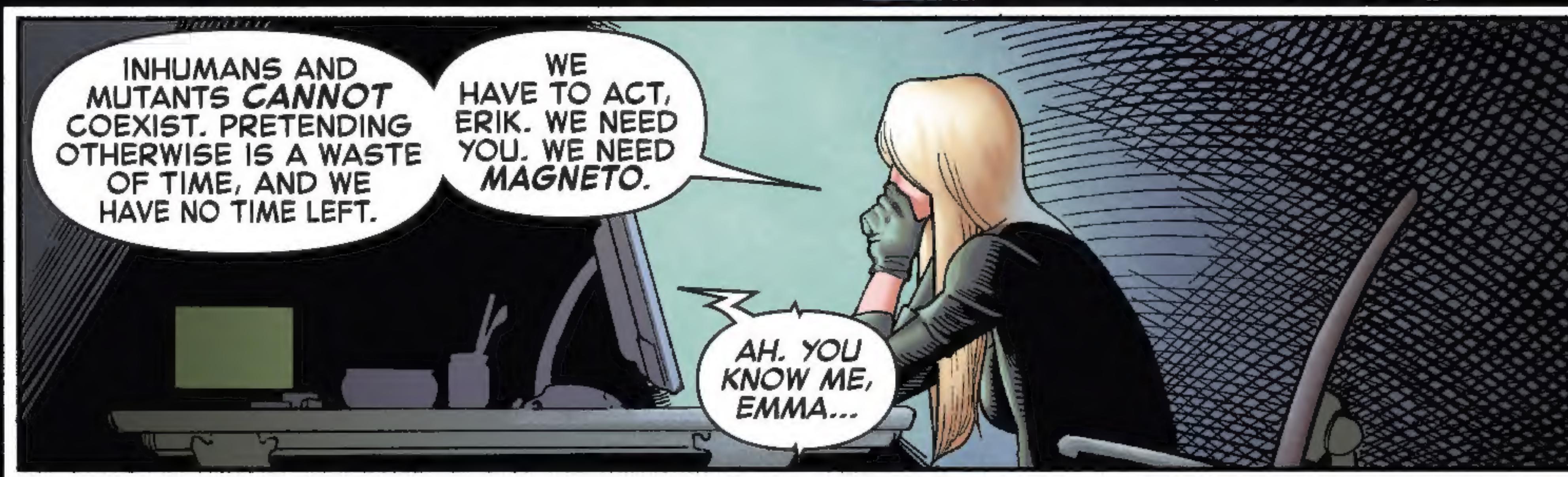
"WE NEED EVERY ADVANTAGE WE CAN GET. EVERY EDGE."

"THAT'S WHY WE NEED YOU. YOU'RE NOTHING BUT EDGE."

"WE DON'T ALWAYS AGREE. IN FACT, WE RARELY AGREE. BUT THIS THREAT IS REAL AND IMMINENT."

"I'M SENDING YOU FOOTAGE FROM MADRID."

"WE TRIED TO WORK WITH THE INHUMANS. OFFERED OUR HELP. THEY RESPONDED WITH AN ATTACK. STORM AND HER TEAM HAVE BEEN TAKEN OUT."



NEXT

**DEATH
OF**

#3



